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An anti-abortion protester outside the court.

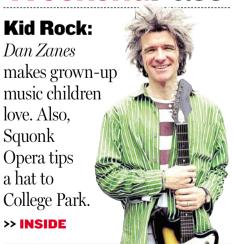
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Senate in Play Over Va. Tally

Webb adopts winner's role as Allen declines to concede

RICHMOND, VA. | With control of the Senate hanging in the balance, Democrat Jim Webb clung to an excruciatingly small lead and began calling himself Virginia's senator-elect Wednesday, while Republican Sen. George Allen refused to concede defeat.

The Virginia contest was the last undecided Senate race in the country. The Democrats were assured of 50 Senate seats, and a victory by Webb would give the party outright control.



Webb

With more than 99 percent of all precincts reporting Webb held a lead of about

ing, Webb held a lead of about 6,700 votes over Allen out of nearly 2.4 million cast.

Moving swiftly to establish himself as the winner, Webb began assembling a transition team hours after he proclaimed victory around 1:30 a.m. "The vote's been counted and Jim won," said campaign spokeswoman Kristian Denny Todd. Some absentee ballots remained to be counted, she said, but Webb considers it "a formality more than anything else."

Allen's campaign, however, said he would wait for an official recheck of the numbers by local election officials. By law, it must be done by next Tuesday. State law allows a candidate who loses by a half-percentage point or less to request a recount paid for by state and local governments. BOB LEWIS (AP)

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CLUTCH CHEST | **Meat Your Maker** Heart Attack Grill in Tempe, Ariz., has begun selling an 8,000-calorie burger called the "Quadruple Bypass Burger," the Sun reported. The burger contains four slabs of beef — for a total of 2 pounds — three lay-



ers of cheese, four bacon strips, lettuce and tomato slices. Customers who finish the burger have the option of being carted off to their cars in a wheelbarrow by the staff. Patrons can also opt for the "Triple Bypass Burger." (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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THE PEN

What This Cell Needs Is a Cute Mobile

Buffalo, Mo., inmates returning to a jail damaged in a breakout attempt will find a radically new decor — pink with blue teddy bear accents. County Sheriff Mike Rackley

said he decided on the color scheme as part of extensive repairs necessary after inmates set a fire and vandalized the interior on Oct. 8. "If they are going to act like children and commit a childish act, then we'll make a childish atmosphere," he said.

"And it's a calming thing—teddy bears are soothing. So we made it like a day care, and that's kind of like what it is, a day care for adults who can't control their behavior in public." (AP)

HORMONES

Design a Stylish Workout Muumuu

Members of a Montreal YMCA gym are protesting after the center agreed to let a synagogue pay to frost the gym win-

dows, the Canadian Press reported. The synagogue, across an alley from the windows, had complained that boys who were studying there could see the

studying there could see the sweaty, Spandex-suited women working out. "You can see people dressed in some ways that we don't believe in dressing," said Mayer Feig. director of

a Jewish community group. They paid to frost the windows in February, but female gym-goers now say they don't like the concession. "It's like the veil principle — if we represent a temptation, we must be hidden," Renee Lavaillante said. (EXPRESS)



CANIBREAK

How a Billiard Becomes Law

The French can clear politicians in the order they drop out of the race or just crack their most hated lawmakers in the face with these billiard balls. The balls bear faces of French politicians and will go on sale in Paris next week, ahead of the 2007 presidential elections. (EXPRESS)



RIP-OFFS

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A woman who had bought a car from an Antioch, Tenn., dealership found a recording on the car's message system telling her that she "got f*cked," WTVF-TV reported. Melissa Buck had bought a Trailblazer from Bill Heard Chevrolet, though she felt she didn't get a good deal. Later, she activated the car's message system, and a salesman's voice said: "We would like to congratulate you on your '04 Trailblazer. I know you got f*cked." Former employees at the dealership said the message was often left by salesmen who had ripped off customers. (EXPRESS)

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PORTLAND, ORE.

Police Find Body of Missing Woman After Flooding

The body of a woman who disappeared on a storm-battered beach was found Wednesday, the third death during a wave of stormy weather in the Pacific Northwest that smashed rainfall records and threatened hundreds of homes, authorities said. The search continued for the woman's companion. (AP)

TOLEDO, OHIO

Jurors Weigh Fate of GOP **Fundraiser in Coin Case**

Jurors on Wednesday weighed the fate of a former GOP fundraiser accused of pilfering a state investment in rare coins, a day after the scandal helped toss many Republicans out of statewide office. Jurors in the trial of Tom Noe did not reach a decision after five hours of deliberations Wednesday and were set to continue Thursday. Deliberations followed three weeks of testimony from more than 50 witnesses. (AP)

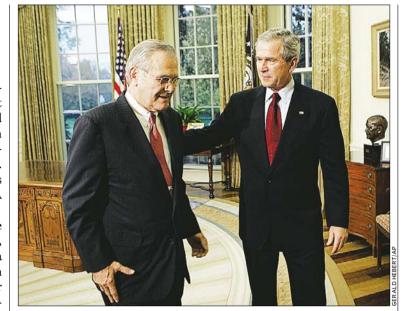
Rumsfeld Steps Down at Pentagon

Bush taps ex-CIA chief Gates as replacement for defense secretary

WASHINGTON | After years of defending his secretary of defense, President Bush on Wednesday announced Donald H. Rumsfeld's resignation within hours of the Democrats' triumph in congressional elections. Bush reached back to his father's administration to tap a former CIA director to run the Pentagon.

The Iraq war was the central issue of Rumsfeld's nearly six-year tenure, and unhappiness with the war was a major element of voter dissatisfaction Tuesday — and the main impetus for his departure. Even some GOP lawmakers became critical of the war's management, and growing numbers of politicians were urging Bush to replace Rumsfeld.

Bush said Robert Gates, 63, who has served in a variety of national security jobs under six previous presidents, would be nominated



President Bush walks out of the Oval Office with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Former CIA Director Robert Gates was nominated to replace Rumsfeld.

to replace Rumsfeld. Gates, currently the president of Texas A&M University, is a Bush friend and a member of an independent group studying the way ahead in Iraq.

The White House hopes that replacing Rumsfeld with Gates can help refresh U.S. policy on the deeply unpopular war and perhaps establish a stronger rapport with

A Political Casualty

→ There is little sugarcoating the reality that Rumsfeld was offered up as a sacrificial lamb for the repudiation of President Bush's Iraq policy. | Today, A Section

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the new Congress. Rumsfeld had a rocky relationship with many lawmakers.

"Secretary Rumsfeld and I agreed that sometimes it's necessary to have a fresh perspective," Bush said in the abrupt announcement during a postelection news conference.

In a later appearance at the White House with Rumsfeld and Gates at his side, Bush praised both men, thanked Rumsfeld for his service and predicted that Gates would bring fresh ideas.

In brief remarks, Rumsfeld described the Iraq conflict as a "little understood, unfamiliar war" that is "complex for people to comprehend." ROBERT BURNS AND KATHERINE SHRADER (AP)

Group Can Subpoena White House

WASHINGTON | A federal magistrate judge has ruled that a reproductive rights group can seek White House e-mails and other documents as part of its lawsuit promoting broader access to the morning-after pill.

The ruling by Viktor Pohorelsky allows the Center for Reproductive Rights to subpoena more than three vears of Plan B-related communications between the White House's domestic policy office and select Food and Drug Administration officials. Documents include e-mails and records of conversations.

The group sued the FDA seeking to lift all age restrictions on nonprescription sales of the Plan B emergency contraceptive pills. (AP)

Police Nab Sen.'s **Son After Party**

ORLANDO, FLA. | The son of Sen. Bill Nelson was arrested early Wednesday after allegedly pushing an officer in a confrontation hours after he had taken the stage at his father's re-election party.

Charles William Nelson, 30, was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest.

According to a police report, an officer approached Nelson when he saw a woman slumped on the ground next to him, apparently passed out. The officer said Nelson smelled strongly of alcohol, his speech was slurred and he had poor balance. The police report did not say what their relationship was. (AP)



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Bush Vows Bipartisanship

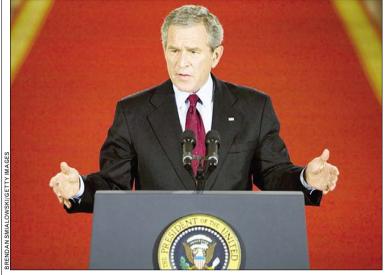
After GOP 'thumping' at the polls, president reaches across the aisle

WASHINGTON | President Bush pledged Wednesday to work with Democrats after the "thumping" that Republicans took on Election Day. He named a new defense secretary to oversee the war in Iraq, a change the president said was going to happen regardless of which party won the election.

Bush called Democratic leaders to congratulate them and he expressed both disappointment and surprise over the vote.

"I recognize that many Americans voted last night to register their displeasure with the lack of progress being made" in Iraq, the president said. "Yet I also believe most Americans and leaders here in Washington from both political parties — understand we cannot accept defeat."

Bush was asked by reporters whether he retained full confidence in Vice President Dick Cheney, a chief



President Bush speaks at a press conference on Wednesday in Washington, where he pledged to work with a new Democratic majority in the House.

advocate of the war, and whether Cheney would serve out the rest of his term.

As to the factors that led to Tuesday's widespread GOP losses, Bush said, "I believe Iraq had a lot to do with the election, but I think there were other factors as

| well." He suggested that a variety of congressional scandals may also have played a role. He said he would seek to find common ground with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, but without either of them compromising their principles. DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

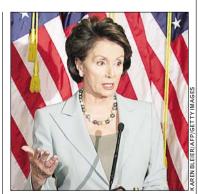
Pelosi Says Democrats Ready to Take Helm

Speaker-elect promises new direction without rancor for the House

WASHINGTON | House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, set to become the first female House speaker in history, said Wednesday she would be "the speaker of the House, not the speaker of the Democrats."

Striking a tone of conciliation, she offered assurances that any effort to impeach President Bush "is off the table." But she said American voters "spoke for change and they spoke for a new direction for all Americans."

Speaking at a news conference in the Capitol the morning after Democrats upended control of the House, she said voters specifically demanded a change in course on the war in Iraq and urged Bush "to listen to the voice of the people."



Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is set to become the first female House speaker.

Despite 12 years in the minority, Pelosi said Democrats would return to power without rancor, but with a forward-looking vision. "Democrats are not about getting even," she said. "Democrats are about helping Americans get ahead."

"Democrats are prepared to lead," she said. NANCY ZUCKERBROD (AP)

Hastert Says He Won't Seek GOP **Minority Post**

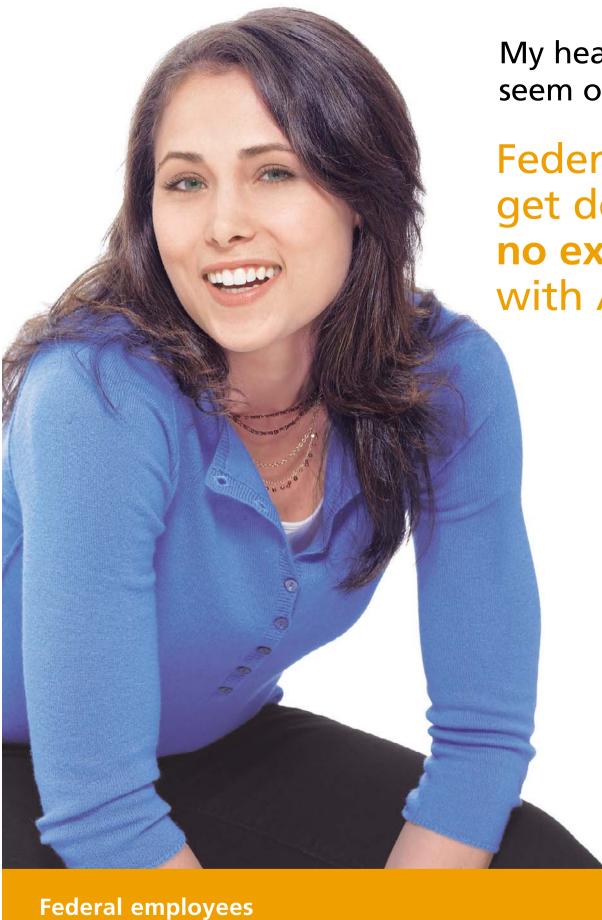
WASHINGTON | Triggering a postelection shake-up, Dennis Hastert announced Wednesday he will not run for leader of the House Republicans when Democrats take control in January.

"Obviously, I wish my party had won," the House speaker said in a statement. He also said he intends to return to the "full-time task" of representing his Illinois constituents.

His decision to step down from the leadership cleared the way for a likely succession battle among lawmakers who face the sudden loss of power after a dozen years in the majority.

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, currently the majority leader, is expected to run for minority leader, and Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana announced during the day he also will seek the post. Joe Barton of Texas has signaled he may join the field, too, (AP)

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Court Mulls Abortion Case

Justices have pointed discourse over ban on partial-birth practice

WASHINGTON | Supreme Court justices Wednesday sharply questioned attorneys on both sides of the legal battle over what opponents call partial-birth abortions as the high court weighed whether to uphold Congress's ban on the procedure.

In an intense morning of arguments, lawyers for the Bush administration and supporters of abortion rights gave starkly contrasting views. A law that Congress passed labels it a gruesome and inhumane practice. Supporters argue that such abortions in the second trimester of pregnancy sometimes are the safest for women.

A man in the audience began shouting midway through the proceedings, disrupting the hearing briefly before police dragged him away.

Seven justices took part in questioning both sides about whether the court should defer to congressional findings that these abortions are never medically necessary. Abortion advocates disagree, saying there is strong medical evidence to the contrary.

Justice Samuel Alito, hearing his



A pro-life demonstrator prays as others protest outside the Supreme Court on Wednesday in Washington as the court hears arguments over partial-birth abortion.

first abortion case since joining the court earlier this year, sat silently through two hours of arguments. Justice Clarence Thomas was sick and did not attend, Chief Justice John Roberts said.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg questioned the rationale that abortion opponents are using in the case, pointing out that the assertion that partial-birth abortion is a particularly gruesome procedure also could apply to the most commonly used method of abortion in the second trimester.

"I don't think so, Justice Ginsburg," Solicitor General Paul Clement replied.

Ginsburg asked whether the procedures in the two types of abortions are "basically the same," making it hard to distinguish whether a doctor could be prosecuted for performing the banned method.

At issue is the fate of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, which Congress passed and President Bush signed into law in 2003.

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TRADE-OFF: Turn in those ubiquitous campaign signs in the Southeast and get some free food. That's the message from restaurant chain Sticky Fingers, which is offering a free appetizer to anyone who cleans up the campaign clutter and brings in a sign.

Tester Win Ties Senate; Eyes on Va.

Congressional control hinges on 1 seat after Democrats seize House

WASHINGTON | Control of Congress in sight, Democrats ousted Montana GOP Sen. Conrad Burns on Wednesday and pinned their hopes of seizing power in the Senate on a triumph in Virginia. The party looked to widen its margin of victory over Republicans in the House.

In an all-around banner election year for Democrats, voters frustrated

about the direction of the country toppled Republicans at all levels of government in a searing rebuke of the status quo.

Bush faced the reality of at least half of Congress in the opposition's hands for the final two years of his presidency. The war in Iraq, scandals in Congress and declining support for Bush and Republicans on Capitol Hill defined the battle for House and Senate control, with the public embracing the Democrats' call for change to end a decade of one-party rule in Washington.



Jon Tester, left, and Democratic activist Joe Lamson celebrate on Tuesday.

Her position atop the House all but assured, Pelosi said it may take "a couple of weeks" to determine the final division of power in the Senate but said that no matter the outcome "the numbers picked up by the Senate bode very well" for the Democratic agenda.

By early afternoon, Democrats had captured 50 Senate seats, including Montana, and Republicans held 49. The battle for power came down to Virginia, where Democrat Jim Webb had a small edge over GOP Sen. George Allen. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)



Pro-choice activist celebrate after an abortion ban failed in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Abortion, Stem Cell Bans Nixed

Affirmative action, gay marriage ballot measures fail at polls

PIERRE, S.D. | From the country's heartland, voters sent messages that altered America's culture wars and dismayed the religious right — defending abortion rights in South Dakota, endorsing stem cell research in Missouri, and, in a national first, rejecting a same-sex marriage ban in Arizona.

Conservative leaders were jolted by the setbacks and looked for an explanation Wednesday. Gayrights and abortion-rights activists celebrated.

The verdict on abortion rights was particularly clear. Oregon and California voters defeated measures that would have required parents to be notified before a girl under 18 could get an abortion, and South Dakotans — by a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent — rejected a new state law that would have banned all abortions except to save a pregnant woman's life.

In Missouri, anti-abortion groups, evangelical Christian clergy and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis campaigned hard against the stem cell measure, contending it would condone life-destroying embryonic research.

Liberal groups did have some setbacks. Michigan voters approved a ban on some types of affirmative action programs, Colorado and Arizona passed measures targeting illegal immigrants, and seven states approved gay-marriage bans. (AP)

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-SEN. CHARLES SCHUMER, D-N.Y.
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GEORGE ALLEN

"Obviously, we're disappointed to lose the House, and we may well have lost the Senate as well."

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WHO SAID THE GOP HAS 'DEPARTED RATHER
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-REP. RAHM EMANUEL, D-IL.
WHO SAID DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WILL NOT
SEEK TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT BUSH



SEA CHANGE: Democrat Eliot Spitzer celebrates his victory in the New York governor's race at a victory party on Tuesday.

Democrats Gain In Split Statehouses

Party wins control of both legislatures in 23 states, nets 300 seats

NEW YORK | The Democratic wave of election victories reached statehouses around the country.

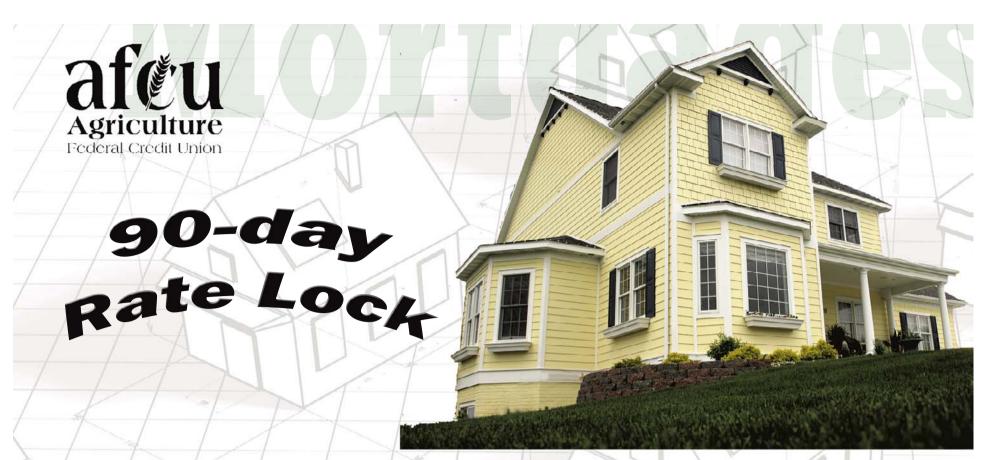
Riding voter discontent with national Republican leadership, state-level Democrats cemented control of both legislative chambers in 23 states and improved their position in others. Republicans held both houses in 16 states and control was split in 10 more, according to unofficial vote totals. Nebraska's legislature is just one house and nonpartisan.

With an estimated net gain of nearly 300 seats for the Democrats, the vote represented the most one-sided result for either party since the Republican romp of 1994. The pickup of legislative seats by Democrats will break what had been a very close divide, and give the party's lawmakers more power to shape state policy and to play a key role in drawing congressional districts.

In Ohio, Rep. Ted Strickland

defeated Republican Ken Blackwell with ease to become the state's first Democratic governor in 16 years. Deval Patrick triumphed over Republican Kerry Healey in Massachusetts, and will become the state's first black chief executive. Attorney General Eliot Spitzer won the New York governor's race in a landslide.

The gains have taken on added importance since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that states are free to redraw districts at any time, without waiting until after each decade's national census. (AP)



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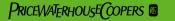






























TREE PLEA: Nobel Peace Prize winner and Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai called on citizens around the world to plant 1 billion trees in the coming year to fight global warming. Maathai said the campaign is meant to inspire ordinary citizens to help the environment.

World

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Parliament Extends State Of Emergency Amid Attacks

Beset by rampant sectarian violence, Irag's parliament voted to extend the country's state of emergency for 30 more days on Wednesday, as at least 66 more Iraqis killed or found dead. Wednesday's deaths included those of eight soccer players and fans cut down by a pair of mortar rounds that slammed onto a field in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood. The U.S. military, meanwhile, announced the deaths of a soldier and a Marine, raising the number of American forces killed this month in Iraq to 21 in the first eight days of November. (AP)

GEORGE, SOUTH AFRICA

Healing Sought at Funeral For Apartheid-Era Leader

South Africa sought Wednesday to heal the wounds of its brutal past at a funeral for former President P.W. Botha, the man who inflicted much



of the pain as he led the nation through some of the darkest days of apartheid repression. Botha, 90, the last hardline apartheid leader, died eight

days ago at his home in the nearby seaside resort of Wilderness, where he lived his final years in seclusion. President Thabo Mbeki, whose governing African National Congress party was brutally repressed during Botha's presidency, called for national reconciliation and attended the funeral. (AP)

Israeli Shelling Kills 18 Palestinians

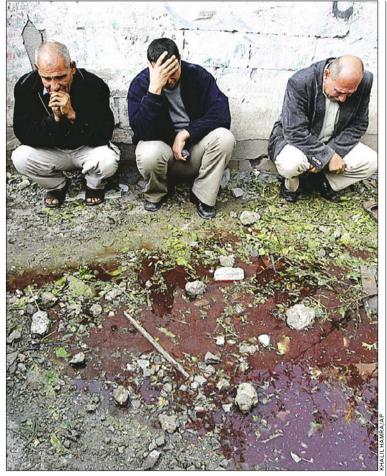
Exiled Hamas leader calls off cease-fire over carnage in Gaza

BEIT HANOUN, GAZA STRIP | Hamas' exiled leader on Wednesday called off a cease-fire with Israel after 18 members of a family, including eight children, were killed in an Israeli artillery barrage on a densely populated Gaza neighborhood.

It was the highest number of Palestinian civilians killed in a single strike since fighting erupted six years ago, and undermined Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's attempts to form a more moderate government and renew a peace process with Israel.

Abbas condemned the "terrible, despicable crime," and the international community criticized the deaths. Israel, promising a swift inquiry, expressed regret for harming civilians.

The shelling occurred early Wednesday as residents were sleeping in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, the focus of a weeklong military offensive aimed at stopping rocket fire. Israeli troops had pulled out of the town just 24



DEADLY SCENE: Palestinians grieve next to a pool of bloody water on a street near the site of Wednesday's shelling in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Hanoun.

hours earlier, and the rocket attacks resumed almost immediately.

The Israeli shells landed around a compound of four apartment buildings on a small side street. The explosions left holes in the buildings, owned by four brothers from the al-Athamna family.

"Shells were fired directly onto the people who were rushing out of the house," said Akram al-Athamna, a relative of the victims. "There was blood everywhere."

Weeping relatives gathered outside the homes. One man dipped his hand in victims' blood and smeared it over his face. "God avenge us, God avenge us," he wailed.

In Damascus, Syria, Khaled Mashaal, the exiled leader of Hamas, said the group would no longer honor a February 2005 truce and called for renewed attacks on Israel. He urged other militant groups to join the struggle.

The declarations raised the prospect of a new wave of suicide bombings and large-scale fighting with Israel. Hamas has not carried out a suicide bombing since August 2004, after killing scores of Israelis in such attacks over the previous four years. DIAA HADID (AP)

Bomber Kills 42 Pakistani Soldiers

DARGAI, PAKISTAN | In the deadliest suicide attack on the Pakistani military, a man with explosives strapped to his body ran up to soldiers doing calisthenics Wednesday and blew himself up, killing at least 42 troops and wounding 20.

No one claimed responsibility for

the attack, but suspicion fell on pro-Taliban militants who had vowed revenge for an airstrike that killed at least 80 people on a Muslim school the government said was being used to train militants.

The violence marked an escalation in the conflict between



Pakistanis gather at the site of a suicide bomb attack in Dargai on Wednesday.

Pakistani security forces and Islamic militants along the rugged border, and sparked fears that the war in Afghanistan may be spilling into Pakistan.

Information Minister Mohammed Ali Durrani said 42 soldiers died and 20 were wounded. The army said some of the wounded were in critical condition. (AP)



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World

U.S. Election Yields Global Reaction

World responds to news of political shift with jitters, jubilation

MADRID, SPAIN | Politicians, analysts and ordinary citizens across much of the world welcomed the electoral rebuke given President Bush's Republican Party and the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Wednesday.

Against the broad mood of satisfaction, however, there were

voices of concern that a power split between Democrats and Republicans in Washington might mean uncertainty in crucial areas like global trade talks.

But from Paris to Pakistan, a repeated theme was hope that the Democratic takeover of at least one house of Congress would force Bush to adopt a more conciliatory approach to global crises, and teach a president many see as a "cowboy" a lesson in humility.

"Americans are realizing that you



An anti-U.S. rally in Jakarta, Indonesia.

can't found the politics of a country on patriotic passion and reflexes," said French schoolteacher Jean-Pierre Charpemtrat.

In an extraordinary joint statement, more than 200 Socialist members of the European Parliament hailed the American election results as "the beginning of the end of a six-year nightmare for the world."

Bush is deeply unpopular in many countries, with particularly intense opposition to the war in Iraq, the U.S. terror holding facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and allegations of Washington-sanctioned interrogation methods that some equate with torture.

But while the result clearly produced more jubilation than jitters, there were also some deep concerns.

In Denmark, Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen told broadcaster TV2 he hoped the president and the new Congress would find "common ground on questions about Iraq and Afghanistan."

"The world needs a vigorous U.S.A.," Fogh Rasmussen said.

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Windows Vista Release Set for '07

SEATTLE | Microsoft Corp. finished work Wednesday on its long-delayed Windows Vista operating system, and said the software would be broadly available Jan. 30.

The announcement means
Microsoft will meet — just barely
— its revised goal of putting Vista in

consumers' hands in the first month of 2007. The release will be the first major upgrade in more than five years to the system that powers most personal computers.

Windows Vista's code was released midmorning Wednesday to manufacturing — a step that allows the company to begin making the copies that will be distributed with PCs and sold at stores, said Jim Allchin, co-president of the Microsoft division that includes Windows, in a conference.

The software has been plagued by delays, the most recent of which was blamed in part on efforts to improve security. (AP)

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Is YouTube Ready For Prime Time?

Cable operators weigh whether Web videos also have a place on TV

Web sites like YouTube have vaulted into the vanguard of Internet entertainment by providing a medium for people to post videos of practically any imaginable activity, from bizarre pet antics to teenagers riding shopping carts into walls.

Now some of the country's largest telecom operators, including Comcast Corp. and Verizon Communications Inc., are weighing whether there's a business in putting such videos on television.

On Monday, Comcast launched a trial version of ziddio.com, a Web site that uses contests to attract homegrown videos, with the best then available for Comcast's video-on-demand TV service. Verizon, in the meantime, is close to a deal with YouTube, according to people familiar with the matter. If it happens, Verizon TV subscribers are likely to be able to watch the top YouTube videos of the day for a fee.

Such moves illustrate the new battleground that's emerging as phone and cable companies seek to woo households with attractive packages of TV, phone and Internet offerings. Because cable and phone



YouTube founders Chad Hurley, left, and Steven Chen have a lot to celebrate

companies provide roughly the same TV channels, such as ESPN and MTV, they're eager to distinguish themselves through the variety of content they offer on demand.

At the same time, both cable and phone companies are trying to stay ahead of efforts by a wide range of technology companies — including TiVo Inc., Microsoft Corp. and Apple Computer Inc. — to route Web videos, TV programs and movies directly to television.

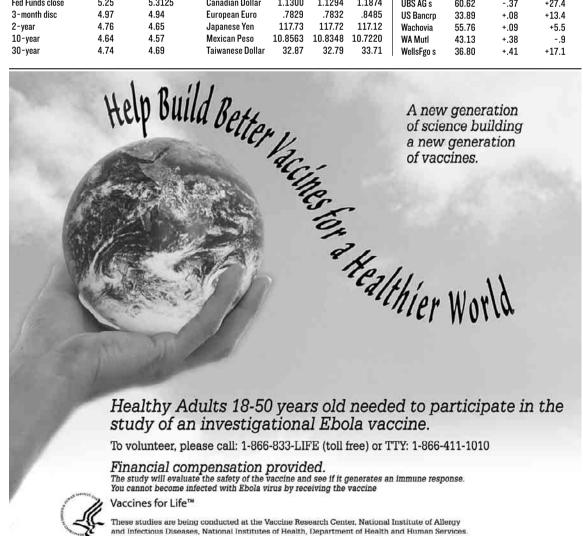
All these efforts are moving individually produced videos into a new, unknown realm. It's far from clear, for example, whether short homemade videos will appeal to TV viewers. For YouTube, selling content to Verizon might also cause friction with contributors, who might want a share of the revenue, especially if their homemade productions turn into video-on-demand hits.

Market Action

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Bid Reportedly in Play To Acquire Tribune Co.

LOS ANGELES | Billionaire businessman Eli Broad and supermarket magnate Ron Burkle have teamed up to submit a bid for the Tribune Co., the Associated Press has learned.

Details of the offer by the two businessmen were not disclosed. A person familiar with the offer who was not authorized to publicly discuss it confirmed Wednesday the bid had been submitted.

The bid comes one day after Chicago-based Tribune Co. replaced

Dean Baquet as editor of the Los Angeles Times because Baquet refused to make mandated cost cuts at the paper.

Broad and Burkle have long said they would be interested in returning the Times to local ownership. A third billionaire, entertainment mogul David Geffen, is known to be interested in buying the Times.

Tribune's holdings include 11 daily newspapers, 25 TV stations, the Chicago Cubs baseball team, and several Internet ventures. (AP)



Local

Malvo Given Six Life Terms in Md.

Sentence added to the punishment issued by Va. for 2002 killings

ROCKVILLE, MD. | If they had met before October 2002, Conrad Johnson's mother believes, her son could have been a mentor to Lee Boyd Malvo, a father figure to the impressionable teenager without a family of his own.

But, instead, Malvo came under the sway of John Allen Muhammad, who trained him to use a high powered rifle and brought him along on a cross-country sniper spree. The only time Malvo and Johnson came together was the day Malvo crept in the woods and shot Johnson in the chest as he sat on his county bus before his dawn shift.

"If you had spoken to my son just once, I'm sure you could have



Sonia Wills, left, mother of victim Conrad Johnson, bows her head Wednesday while his widow, Denise Johnson, speaks in Rockville, Md., about the sentencing.

changed your life," said Sonia Wills, speaking to Malvo before he was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for six Maryland murders, including Johnson's. "But you never had the chance. The only time you ever got close to him was when you shot and killed him."

County Circuit Judge James Ryan sentenced Malvo to six consecutive life terms without the possibility of parole, which will be added to the life term that Malvo already is serving in Virginia for sniper shootings there. Malvo is expected to return to Virginia within the next few days.

A remorseful Malvo, 21, said he was a changed person from the teenager who killed at Muhammad's command. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

Trigger man: Johnson's murder is the only one in which Malvo says he was the shooter. Today's Post, Metro

McCain Leaves Gallaudet Board To Protest Firing

WASHINGTON | Sen. John McCain has resigned from Gallaudet University's board of trustees after disagreeing with its decision to revoke the appointment of the school's incoming president, the university announced Wednesday.

Gallaudet, the nation's only university for the deaf and hearing impaired, announced the Arizona Republican's departure, along with the resignation of Brenda Jo Brueggemann, the board's chair, said Mercy Coogan, the school's spokeswoman. The board members stepped down following the Oct. 29 vote to remove incoming president Jane Fernandes.

"I cannot in good conscience continue to serve on the board following its decision to terminate [Fernandes'] appointment, which I believe was unfair and not in the best interests of the university," McCain said. (AP)

Search and rescue: Search for new president highlights other problems at school. Today's Post, Metro

Sheehan Hails Election Result at Rally

WASHINGTON | Activist Cindy Sheehan led about 50 protesters to a White House gate Wednesday to deliver anti-war petitions she said were signed by 80,000 Americans.

The California woman, whose son was killed in Iraq more than two years ago, joined the protesters in hailing the outcome of Tuesday's elections and chanting "Stop the War" outside the White House gate.

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Secret Service officers Wednesday speak with activist Cindy Sheehan.

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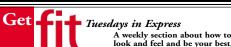
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A NEW LEADER: Two weeks after being cleared of doping accusations, cyclist Ivan Basso signed a two-year contract to ride for Lance Armstrong's former Discovery Channel cycling team. Basso was second in the 2005 Tour de France behind Armstrong.



Sports

From Buffalo Castaway to D.C. Hero

By knowing the rules, Vincent got off the IR and into the spotlight

REDSKINS | As president of the NFL players' union, Troy Vincent knows all those fine-print rules about contracts and injuries. If he didn't, he would probably still be sitting in Buffalo.

As it was, he was able to get his freedom and join the Washington Redskins, where he became an instant locker room leader. He needed just two weeks to take the starting job from the highest paid safety in the league, then blocked a pivotal field goal that helped the Redskins (3-5) beat the Dallas Cowboys and earn him the honor of NFC's special teams player of the week.

Now, to add to the whirlwind,



Safety Troy Vincent comes in to block a last-minute field goal against the Cowboys last Sunday. Less than a month ago, Vincent was on Buffalo's IR.

Vincent gets to make a first return visit Sunday to Philadelphia, where he was a five-time Pro Bowl defensive back over eight seasons with the Eagles.

"It's another game to win, whether we're playing in this parking lot, their parking lot, at Lincoln Financial," Vincent said. "Obviously that's going to be the talk, of me coming back home, me blocking a field goal, but I don't want that to be a distraction. I want to get that fourth victory."

Vincent's road to the nation's capital began when a minor hamstring injury in Week 1 prompted the Bills to take the unusual step of placing him on an injured reserve list known as IR-minor. Vincent knew that meant he could ask for his release once he was healthy, and he did so in a phone call that, he

says, caught Buffalo owner Ralph Wilson off guard.

"He had absolutely no idea what I was talking about, and he was very upset," Vincent said. "I understood [the rule]. I don't think everyone understood that."

Once he was available, Vincent

Moss Back in Action

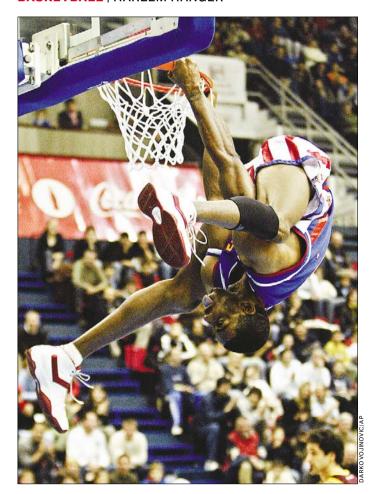
→ Star wide receiver Santana Moss, who was sidelined last week with a hamstring injury, practiced on Wednesday and could play against the Eagles. | Today, Sports

(N) The Washington Post

said he heard from 15 clubs, and he based his decision to sign after the Redskins gave him a clear idea what his role would be.

And on Sunday, Adam Archuleta, who has struggled since signing a six-year, \$30 million contract as a free agent from St. Louis, was relegated to spot duty in favor of the newcomer. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

BASKETBALL | HARLEM HANGER



OUT OF POSITION: Kris "Hi-Lite" Bruton of the Harlem Globetrotters hangs from the rim after scoring in an exhibition game against the New York Nationals across the pond in Belgrade, Serbia, on Wednesday night.

Terps Women Are Preseason No. 1

Team is returning all 5 starters from last year's championship team

TERPS HOOPS | Maryland followed one milestone by achieving another.

Seven months after winning its first national championship in women's basketball, Maryland is No. 1 in the preseason for the first time.

The Terrapins were an overwhelming choice as the top team in the Associated Press poll on Wednesday, receiving 47 of the 50 first-place votes from a national media panel and compiling 1,246 points — 85 more than No. 2 North Carolina.

It's easy to see why.

Coach Brenda Frese returns her entire starting five, led by second-team All-American Crystal Langhorne, plus her top three reserves from last season.

And if that isn't enough, transfers Christie Marrone (Virginia Tech) and Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood (Tennessee) are now eligible, though Wiley-Gatewood can't play until the first semester ends



The Maryland women's basketball team celebrates after winning the national championship last season. This year, the Terps are the AP's preseason No. 1.

AP TOP 10

Here's a look at the Associated Press' preseason top IO with their records from last season:

- Maryland, 34-4
- 2 North Carolina, 33-2
- 3 Oklahoma, 31-5
- 4 Stanford, 26-8
- 5 Tennessee, 31-5
- 6 Duke, 31-4
- 7 Ohio State, 29-3
- 8 Connecticut, 32-5
- **9** Georgia, 23-9
- 10 Louisiana State, 31-4

in December.

The only other time Maryland was ranked No. 1 came during a four-week stretch in January and February of 1992. This is the first time in the last 10 years that someone other than Connecticut, Tennessee or Duke has led the preseason poll.

Maryland, which beat Duke in overtime in last year's title game to finish 34-4, opens Friday night at Middle Tennessee State.



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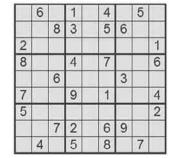
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Sports

Tragedy Rocks Hurricanes

Team, campus trying to regroup following shooting of senior DT

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Police searched for clues Wednesday in the fatal shooting of University of Miami lineman Bryan Pata, the latest shock to a Hurricanes team touched by tragedy and turmoil.

Pata, a popular figure on campus, practiced Tuesday and was shot about two hours later at his apartment complex. The 22-year-old senior who grew up in Miami was pronounced dead in the parking lot outside his apartment. His death was ruled a homicide, Miami-Dade police spokesman Roy Rutland said.

"My son had a problem with

nobody," a tearful Jeanette Pata, the player's mother, told WTVJ-TV in Miami Tuesday night outside her son's apartment as she wore a replica Hurricanes jersey. "He's gone. He's gone."

Word of Pata's death spread quickly around campus, and grief counselors were summoned for his teammates. Another team



Pata

meeting to discuss a memorial was scheduled for Wednesday, and no decision had been made about the status of Saturday afternoon's game against No. 23 Maryland.

This was the latest jolt to a Miami team that has dealt with

another shooting this season and was part of a wild on-field brawl.

"We're trying to get through a hard time right now and it's going to take time," Miami quarterback Kirby Freeman told the Associated Press after a team meeting at the university's athletic complex. "And that's what being a close football family is all about. We're going to help each other with this."

School officials said coach Larry Coker was "numb" over the news. The athletic department released a statement urging anyone with information about Pata's death to call police. TIM REYNOLDS (AP)

Tough Call: Mike Wise writes on Miami's decision on whether to play this Saturday. | Today's Post, Sports

DREAM TEAM ►► THE UPS AND DOWNS OF FANTASY FOOTBALL



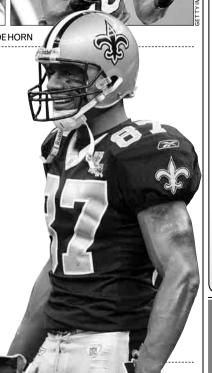




CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: MARK BRADLEY, ANTHONY THOMAS, BRYANT JOHNSON AND JOE HORN

Best Bets: Saints WR JOE HORN'S injury has caused speculation that his 34-year-old body may be getting a little too stretchable. That said, QB Drew Brees is starting to like his new role as a gunslinger, and will use any viable target he has. Years of disuse could mean so-that's-what-happened-to-him backup ANTHONY THOMAS is healthy and ready to go, or he's forgotten how to run in any direction other than forward. Still, the Bills aren't going to pass the ball.

Not a Chance: If you're trying to create a team that solely consists of first-round draft pick busts, Arizona receiver BRYANT JOHNSON is your guy. Otherwise, have faith that Larry Fitzgerald will be back soon enough. Now that the Dolphins made starting wide receiver Bernard Berrian's ribs resemble a bag of crushed saltines, MARK BRADLEY steps into the spot. But the Bears' passing offense hasn't been as dominating this year as people think—no 300-yard passing games yet. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)





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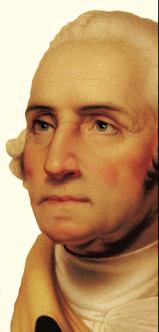
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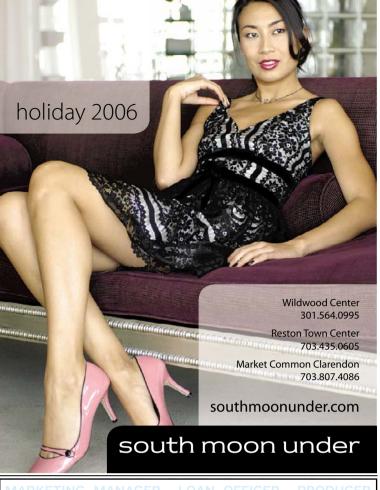
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Sports

Acta Has Interest In Nats

Mets third-base coach has interviewed and says job is 'attractive'

NATIONALS | Count Manny Acta as someone who interviewed with the Washington Nationals for their managerial opening and wants the job.

Acta, the New York Mets' third-base coach, said he met with Nationals President Stan Kasten, GM Jim Bowden and owners last

month before traveling to Japan with a team of major league stars.

"I thought it went real well," Acta said Tuesday. "I'm famil-



Acta

iar with the organization. The whole process really impressed me. They have a plan in place, and with the new stadium coming up, it's a very attractive job, so I hope I get it."

That's a stance that hasn't been taken by everyone whose name has been attached to the search to replace Frank Robinson as Washington's manager.

Lou Piniella publicly said he wasn't interested in the job in Washington, shortly before he was hired by the Chicago Cubs.

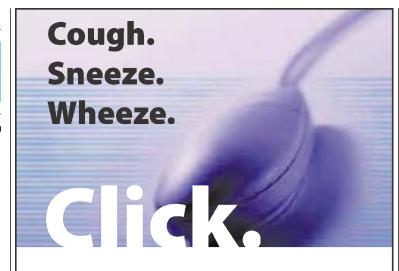
Former Marlins manager Joe Girardi's agent said he withdrew his name from consideration.

The Nationals won't say who - or even how many people they've interviewed for the job. JIM ARMSTRONG (AP)

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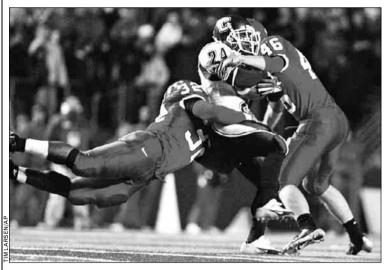
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Sports



Two Rutgers defenders swarm Connecticut's Larry Taylor in the Scarlet Knight's last game two weeks ago. Unbeaten Rutgers hosts No. 3 Louisville on Thursday.

Big-Time Game Is Change at Rutgers

Battle with unbeaten Louisville being billed as school's biggest ever

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Students camping out. Temporary bleachers to accommodate the overflow crowd. Tickets that usually sell for \$28, going for \$200 on eBay.

Rutgers football sure has come a long way in a short time.

Not long ago, it was hard to give away tickets to a Scarlet Knights game. Now, seats for Thursday night's battle of unbeatens between the No. 15 Scarlet Knights and No. 3 Louisville are so scarce that even Gov. Jon S. Corzine appealed to athletic director Robert Mulcahy for an extra pair.

"He said, 'I'm sending a check,' Mulcahy said.

The game is being billed as the biggest ever played by the school that was part of the first college football game in 1869.

"I think it's a reaction that's in many ways almost an overreaction," Mulcahy said. "They wanted this for so long, the minute they could taste something, it was, 'Boom."

Thursday's game will be the second in consecutive weeks that pits two undefeated Big East teams, after Louisville's 44-34 defeat of then-No. 3 West Virginia last Thursday. The win vaulted Louisville to third-place in the Bowl Championship Series standings, but detractors still question the conference's strength.

'What we feel is that we went out on the field and played great football," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "We've played everybody we went up against and did a nice job."

A win by Rutgers (8-0) would dash Louisville's title hopes and move the Scarlet Knights into the championship discussion. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN)

AfterThursday night's game, there will be just one undefeated team left in the Big East. No. 3 Louisville, who thrashed undefeated West Virginia last week at home, travels to New Jersey to take on No. 15 Rutgers.

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BIG MAN UPSTAIRS: Injured Penn State coach Joe Paterno can't coach from the sideline Saturday vs. Temple, but may still run the team from the press box, a team doctor said.



Sports

Adu to Train With Man U.

For 2 weeks, D.C. star gets to live his dream of playing in Europe

UNITED | Freddy Adu will get his long-awaited first taste of European club soccer when he practices with Manchester United for two weeks later this month.

D.C. United and MLS have given the teen star permission to join the famous English team starting Nov. 18, three days after he is expected to play in a U.S. Under-20 national team game against Guatemala in Florida.

D.C. United spokesman Doug Hicks said the practices with Manchester United will not be a tryout and that Adu's rights remain with MLS.

"This is a great opportunity for Freddy," Hicks said Wednesday. "We support his decision to seek additional training opportunities in the offseason."

Adu, who became the youngest



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player in MLS history three years ago when he was drafted at age 14, has often stated his desire to play for a European club. Such a move will be allowed under international transfer rules when he turns 18 in June.

Adu is under contract to United for one more season, but he said after

Sunday's season-ending playoff loss to New England that there have been "some serious talks" that could lead him to play elsewhere next year.

Adu's workouts with Manchester United were first reported by The Washington Post on its Web site. (AP)







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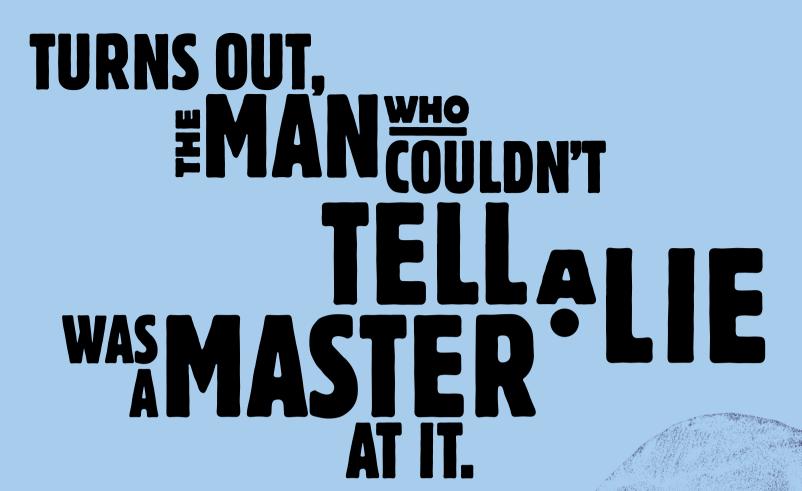


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Big changes are in store for the folks on **THE OFFICE** (8:30 p.m., NBC). Tonight, Michael's long-suffering corporate supervisor, Jan, drops amajor bombshell about the fate of the Scranton branch of the Dunder-Mifflin Paper Co.

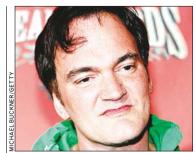
QUENTIN IS FIONA'S APPLE

The series ICONOCLASTS (9 p.m.,

Sundance) pairs two personalities from different fields to discuss their work and driving passions. For better or worse, the result is a celebrity mutual admiration society caught on film. Tonight's "Iconoclast" pairs director Quentin Tarantino and singer Fiona Apple.

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Catalina helps Earl complete his list on MY NAME IS EARL (8 p.m., NBC).



NO, YOU'RE GREAT! Quentin Tarantino joins Fiona Apple on "Iconoclasts."

JUNKET OHEEN

Betty takes advantage of a plum assignment reviewing posh hotels to get away from her family on **UGLY BETTY** (8 p.m., ABC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Bright Yellow Fever

'SpongeBob' takes over Nickelodeon with sunny marathon

ANIMATION | Looking for absorbing programming? Nickelodeon celebrates its most popular property with a 24-hour "SpongeBob SquarePants" (8 p.m., Nickelodeon) marathon. The daylong saltwater sojourn culminates with the brand-new "SpongeBob" offering "The Best Day Ever," airing Friday night at 8 p.m.

As is customary, Patchy the Pirate (Tom Kenny) will host the proceedings. He can be seen driv-



NICK AT NIGHT: SpongeBob stocks up on juicy burgers for the Nick marathon.

ing around Manhattan in a giant party boat, introducing the cartoons and counting down the episodes. He will be joined on his urban yacht by hundreds of "SpongeBob" fans and various Nickelodeon stars and personalities. Will Linda Ellerbee join Patchy for Parcheesi? We'll just have to wait and see.

For the uninitiated, SpongeBob is a sea sponge who wears what appear to be angular lederhosen. He may not be the brightest creature beneath the waves, but he projects an irrepressible optimism. Everyone is a potential friend, even anemones. But SpongeBob's sunny personality is put to the test as he looks forward to "The Best Day Ever" with what has to be considered over-anticipation. KEVIN MCDONOUGH UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Morale

Comics try to offer relief to U.S. troops while touring Iraq

Tom Irwin has been "slaying 'em" through four tours of duty in Iraq, but not with bombs or bullets.

Irwin is a stand-up comic who has been entertaining the troops in dangerous places such as Mosul and Fallujah. His mission, as he sees it, is two-pronged: to give America's soldiers the relief of laughter and to make folks back home aware that what the troops are doing is deadly serious business.

The 39-year-old entertainer draws his humor from what he finds on his visits to the Middle East as well as from his days in the Army two decades ago when he served at a military base in the U.S. Midwest.

When I do shows for Marines, I always tell them that I was in the Army because they always boo me," he said. "Telling a group of Marines you were in the Army is like telling them you have a flair for interior design."

He tells the troops in Iraq that their war's hipness quotient is low. Vietnam War movies, he explains, always contain a scene set to psychedelic music that shows soldiers "wearing bandanas, smoking drugs, listening to Hendrix,

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COMIC ON DUTY: Comedian Tom Irwin, seen here performing in L.A., has toured Iraq four times to try to lift troops' spirits.

Telling a group of Marines you were in the Army is like telling them you have a flair for interior design."

TOM IRWIN, COMEDIAN

all trippy and stuff."

"What the hell is your movie going to be about? They're going to cut to the musical montage and they'll be two guys playing Ping-Pong to a Hilary Duff song," he said.

Much of the rest of his act is filled with dark humor about military life, including observations about latrine duty, barracks sexual escapades, military rivalries and, of course, the military's idea of food. He put together a one-man show on DVD, "25 Days in Iraq," that chronicles his first visit, nearly three years ago.

"My goal is just to make sure

that those people don't get forgotten," he said - referring to soldiers he met in Iraq.

Irwin and his fellow comedians get their bookings through Michigan-based Comics on Duty, which has 75 or so comics and has been sending them out to entertain soldiers around the world for 13 years. "It's about the mission," said Comics on Duty founder Rich Davis. "If a comic calls me and says, 'How much does it pay?,' I don't call them back."

Those who go might find themselves on a place like the forward oper-

ating base near the Iranian border, once a compound for terrorists.

Comedian Derek Richards recalled arriving there in 2004 to discover soldiers dumbfounded that comics were in their midst. The area was so dangerous, they told the comedians, that even the reporters covering the war stayed away.

"I went, 'Oh, sweet Jesus, what did we get ourselves into?" said Richards.

At a base in Mosul, a show that included Irwin and Richards was delayed when the area came under mortar fire. After the explosions stopped, the performance continued. "They said, 'The good news is that it's all clear ... and the better news is that the mortar rounds all landed right where you guys were standing about an hour ago," Irwin recalled. John Rogers (AP)



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Cleaning Up the Slopes

Travel

Ski resorts switch to green energy to help curb global warming

Visitors to many ski areas this winter will find cleaner air and better views of mountain landscapes.

Not only are ski resorts pushing legislation in Washington to combat global warming, but at least 45 resorts in 14 states from coast to coast are using clean energy for some of their operations. Sixteen are getting 100 percent of their power from green energy sources including wind, hydroelectric, solar, biomass and geothermal.

"I think we're a platform industry. We have a bully pulpit to operate from. When you think of global warming, the first thing you think of is snowfall and wintertime and how that changes," said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association.

Bear Mountain and Snow



it was risky, but we want skiing to be around for 100 vears."

JEANNE MACKOWSKI

Summit will spend \$6 million on emission controls, said Bob Roberts, executive director of the California Ski Industry Association.

Aspen will focus on global warming in three upcoming ads in outdoor magazines. "We did talk internally before doing this. We knew it was risky, but we want skiing to be around for 100 years," said Jeanne Mackowski, Aspen's director of marketing.

The industry is trying to show individuals that they can make a difference, said Berry.

Colorado, which set a record for skier visits last year with 12.53 million skier days, will offer two new gondolas this year.



Breckenridge Ski Resort is using new gondolas that can carry 3,000 people per hour.

Breckenridge, the nation's second-busiest ski resort, has built a gondola connecting the town's transportation center off Main Street to Peak 7 and Peak 8. The eight-passenger facility, which can

carry 3,000 passengers per hour, means fewer people riding buses to the mountain. The resort also has added the highest lift in the nation, the high-speed Imperial Express, which goes to 12,840 feet on the summit of Peak 8.

"It has already raised our profile. The thing the gondola does is connect a great historic mining town with one of the great ski areas of the world. You don't get to build too many of them in your career. The Imperial Express on the top and the gondola on the bottom are two great bookends," said Roger McCarthy, Breckenridge CEO.

Utah, which set a record for the third straight year with slightly more than 4 million skier days, has added several high-speed lifts.

The Canyons near Park City will grow to 3,700 acres with the addition of 200 acres of mostly intermediate to expert terrain that will be served by the DreamCatcher high-speed quad. The resort also is replacing the four-seat Tombstone Express high-speed with a six-pack that will increase uphill capacity 52percent and reduce congestion.

In California, Northstar at Tahoe is adding a six-pack. Alpine Meadows has a new 600-foot long superpipe and a terrain park with more than 25 hits, rails and quarterpipes.

Big Sky in Montana added 212 acres of open bowl ski terrain accessed from the Lone Peak Tram in an area called Dakota Territories. In Idaho, Sun Valley's Dollar Mountain will be covered from top to bottom with 44 snow guns. Robert Weller (AP)

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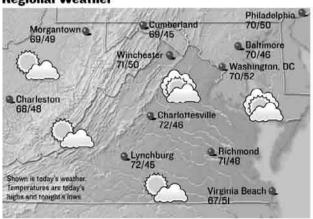


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Low	52
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Month to date	2.13"
Normal month to date	0.80"
Year to date	43.18"
Last year to date	39.17"
Normal year to date	34.07"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, foggy areas early, partly sunny. High 70. Wind west-northwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, foggy

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Sunrise today	6:44	a.m.
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Moonset today	11:25	a.m.





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Dream Team

Hip designers join up with affordable stores

On Thursday, the avant-garde Dutch designers Viktor & Rolf unveil their onetime collection for H&M at 250 locations worldwide. After hosting heavyweights like Karl Lagerfeld and Stella McCartney in years past, H&M is taking a chance on the duo who, until now, was not widely known beyond the fashionista crowd.

Childhood friends Viktor Horsting and Rolf Snoeren, who began their Parisbased company designing haute couture in 1998, are known for their outré runway looks; at their fall show, models wore satin fencing masks.

File

Their 60-piece H&M collection showcases their signature style of romance and geek chic — think the offspring of the homecoming queen and the class nerd. The looks vary from slim jackets and tuxedo shirts for guys to frilly frocks and fitted sweaters for the gals. The prices are just as lean, ranging from a \$20 T-shirt to a \$350 wedding dress.

And if it's anything like the capsule collections by Lagerfeld or McCartney, the Viktor & Rolf pieces will be ripped from the shelves in a frenzy—selling out within a few days and ending up on eBay at three to four times the price.

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store

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and the designer both

make money and the

customer's happy.

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situation."

"It's a terrific avenue for designers who want to expand their reach," said Susan Rolontz of the Tobe Report, a trend forecasting firm. After all, it can take a fledgling label years to turn a profit. And in an industry where outfits can cost upward of a year's rent, designers have to find ways to build a brand and stay relevant.

Many designers are embracing the fad of fast fashion, collaborating with mainstream

brands to bring a designer point of view to the masses.

Target is the grandfather of the trend.
Its Go International series, which
stocks a one-time collection from
an international designer for 90



A Viktor & Rolf dress for H&M (\$100) and tights (\$13), above; a sketch from Alexandre Plokhov, left.

days at a time, just began the run for New York's Behnaz Sarafpour. And trade publications are buzzing about the rumored final collection by fashion wunderkinds Proenza Schouler.

Uniqlo, the Japanese company known for its cheap yet chic basics, will open its 36,000-square-foot flagship store in SoHo tomorrow. In addition to authentic Japanese denim for just \$39 or inexpensive cashmere accessories (like \$19 gloves), Uniqlo will also bring its Designer Invitation Project stateside. The 2007 season, which begins in February, will welcome American designers for spring. Alice Roi, 3.1 Phillip Lim and Alexandre Plokhov are among those who have each designed an eight-piece collection that will sell in stores for one month.

Plokhov, who designs the dark, military-styled label Cloak, created his capsule collection with the same design elements of his signature line.

"It's more streamlined and somewhat simplified, because we're trying to appeal to a much wider audience," he said on the phone from his New York studio. "What was nice is that I just had to design and the company takes care of

the rest. I don't have to worry about any of the production, which can get complicated."

"I'm appealing to the same guy who wears my clothes from Cloak, but when you're in 700 stores you can reach a whole new audience." CORY OHLENDORF

Beauty



Wine, Wine, Wine

Thanks to the Merlot-bashing in "Sideways," there's a glut of the grapes. Which is perhaps why Caudalie created the new **MERLOT** FRICTION SCRUB (\$35, sephora.com), a combo of pulverized grape seeds. essential oils and sugar, which a press release claimed was "plucked from the vineyards of France." Except the stuff smells so minty that, instead of fields in Bordeaux, it made this tester think "dentist's office." Still, the grit did smooth elbows, and it seemed like apropos stuff to drag into the bath with—what else—a glass of Merlot. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Beauty



Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot

We love the spookily spot-on fragrances that come from Demeter. One of its newest, FIERY CURRY (\$19, demeterfragrance.com), is a complex scent that caused more division in Perfume Headquarters than the Great Mascara Debate of '05. This writer loved it, finding it intense and unique. Others — a lot of others — came up with many unpublishable adjectives. This is one you'll have to smell for yourself.

Online



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Post-Election Reaction

NOTED | Tuesday was a good day for Democrats and their supporters, especially locally, with Democrats winning a Senate seat and a governorship in Maryland and possibly a Senate seat in Virginia. Wednesday's Poll Center question asked readers, "Are you happy with the results of Tuesday's elections?" It elicited a variety of responses.

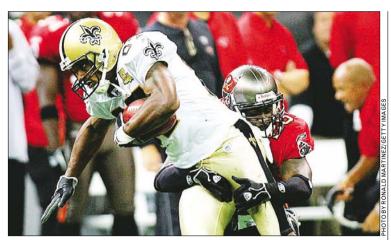
For commenter KFB, the election had a mixed outcome.

"I'm happy that the Democrats have taken over the House and, if nothing else, closed the gap in the Senate. However, I am extremely disappointed with the results of the so-called "Defense of Marriage/ Gav Marriage" ballot question in Virginia. I'd like to say I can't believe it, but that's just not true. It does make me sick to my stomach, though."

Commenter MH felt differently. "People who think Democrats have any kind of solution to the 'problems' are in for a rude awakening. I do think that it was inevitable, though — it seems that after any party has been in control for as long as the Republicans have, the balance is almost certain to swing. ... I was pleased, however, as a Virginia voter, with the results of the Defense of Marriage Amendment."

The Blogtastic Tatton

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The Saints' Joe Horn returns from an injury, but is he good for your fantasy team?

Tryst in Adams Morgan on Tuesday night worked some love magic with CNN's "beacon of beauty," Abbi Tatton. "Damn, that woman is a fox, so to speak."

Circle V admits such blogger-on-reporter fantasies are a little "creepy" — and a little farfetched.

"My first hope was that one of

those suave, charming bloggers bedded Abbi, but, um, well, talking to girls is not exactly a strong suit in those circles." Ouch. KELLY DINARDO

→ Coming Up Today

How do players returning from the injured list factor in to your fantasy football decisions? Dream Team takes on that and other pressing issues.

Poll Center

Was President Bush right to replace Donald Rumsfeld?

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"I've been giddily skipping around my office all day. On a sadder note, gay marriage bans passed in three more jurisdictions."

TRACKLIGHTING BLOGSPOT.COM WAS SADDENED BY THE FACT THAT AMERICANS WERE VOTING DEMO-CRATIC BUT ALSO VOTING WITH REPUBLICAN-DRIVEN INITIATIVES TO BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGES.

Shins Broken, Too

"My friend and fellow blogger had an extra ticket and knows I am into indie rock bands, so he invited me to come with to see Broken Social Scene live. While my legs were killing me from standing up all night, the show was amazing."

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Live Online

Rumsfeld Quits

National and homeland security columnist and blogger WILLIAM M. **ARKIN** was online Wednesday at washingtonpost.com discuss Sec. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's resignation.

Where does Rumsfeld's resignation leave Vice President Dick Cheney?

I see this as a major rejection of Cheney. Not only because he is Mr. Stay the Course but because he is the other half of the cabal. What is more, Gates is a Bush 1/Scowcroft guy, not a Cheney guy.

What is the most likely change in strategy regarding the Iraq war that we will see from the change in leadership at the Pentagon?

I'm not sure we can say that there will be a change in strategy because I'm not sure it is about strategy, or has been for some time. But I do think that the best military minds will have an opportunity to speak up as they haven't under Rumsfeld, the control freak. Maybe someone will have a good plan.

What should be the first step that the new secretary and Congress take to figure out an exit strategy from Iraq?

They have to agree on an approach. I would say a timetable, even a loose one, is the way to go. What happens during the drawdown then can influence the question of whether some number of U.S. forces stay as counter-terrorist fighters or as "advisers." I just don't think that the Democrats will now demand immediate withdrawal or complete withdrawal.

Is Rumsfeld's departure good or bad for the morale of American troops?

Good, in the sense that it will improve civilian-military relations, thus strengthening the military.

What will the Middle East make of the resignation? What about Iraq? What about Europe?

I see all of them seeing American democracy in action, something to be admired. I see all of them also being cynical, as some of the questioners here today have been, that this is also political manipulation and ploy.

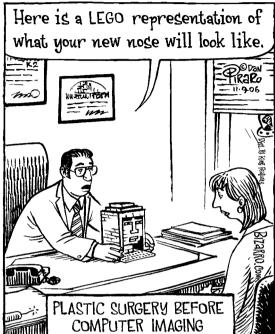


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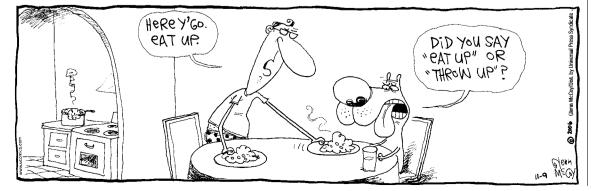








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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

scorpio (oct. 23-Nov. 21) This is a good day to take a chance—but you'll want to calculate as best as you can every possible outcome. Err on the side of safety.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Generosity will be appreciated, but

Generosity will be appreciated, but you must take care you're not sacrificing too much in the name of timely assistance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do you feel as though you've been here before? Chances are there's an air of familiarity about you that can be a comfort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Takecare you don't mind other people's business when you should be minding your own. Evening brings increased cooperation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be required to do more than you had planned—but attitude is just as important as your ability to do the job. Stay positive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You won't have to race against the clock all day long — but early on you'll surely want

to accomplish as much as possible. Be efficient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others will be eager to hear what you have to say on a variety of subjects; take care you don't seem like a know-it-all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can't expect others to agree with you all day long, for you are sure to encounter certain topics that are definitely controversial.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't make the mistake of thinking you have a little extra legroom; you're going to want to play strictly by the rules at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The only guarantees you'll get will come from yourself — and you can rely on the knowledge you've collected to date. Confidence is high.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can expect some timely assistance — but not in the form you are used to. A surprise comes to you after dark — courtesy of a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your energy and determination are on the rise. See if you can't get more done than planned. A little assistance comes to you during the p.m.

Letters

Wine Study Misinterpreted

EDWARD ABRAMIC COMPLAINED ("Alcohol Isn't for Everyone," Nov. 7) about last Thursday's article concerning the health benefits of red wine for obese mice. While I have mixed feelings about the study and wish people would exercise rather than rely on a pill, Abramic is either misinformed or did not read closely

enough. The study used resveratrol, which is red wine extract. There is no alcohol in red wine extract. So there were no drunk, obese mice running around for this study. Should the study not have been published because some people don't drink? If they found peanuts cured cancer but 1 percent of the population is allergic, should everyone be kept in the dark because you don't eat peanuts?

-STEVEN CORAN Arlington, Va.

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Today in History

1918 It is announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II will abdicate. He then flees to the Netherlands.

1938 Nazis loot and burn synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as "Kristallnacht."

ThegreatNortheastblackout occurs as a series of power failures lasting up to 13.5 hours leave 30 million people in seven states and two Canadian provinces without electricity.

1986 Israel reveals it is holding Mordechai Vanunu, a former nuclear technician who'd vanished after providing information to a British newspaper about Israel's nuclear weapons program.

2005 Carolina's Erik Cole becomes the first player in NHL history to be awarded two penalty shots in one game. (Cole scores on the first.)

LOOK People



"Time for our skating lesson, Condi."

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Powerful Figure Skating Lobby Smiles on State Dept.

Figure skater MICHELLE KWAN is about to become a nonsalaried U.S. diplomat. On Thursday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice plans to name Kwan a public diplomacy ambassador. She will represent American values and is expected to travel widely, a senior U.S. official confirmed. (AP)

HAND SLAPS

For That Price, Pete Could Kick Lots of Reporters!

A court fined Babyshambles frontman PETE DOHERTY \$1,400 Wednesday for assaulting a BBC



journalist earlier this year. The singer lashed out at a crush of reporters outside London's Thames Magistrates'

Court after he pleaded guilty to seven drug charges March 23. Doherty admitted he kicked Trudi Barber and knocked a microphone out of her hand before sprinting to his car. (AP)



K-FED'S FUTURE

Quick: Who Was Her First Spouse?

Hours after filing for divorce from **KEVIN FEDERLINE** in Los Angeles on Tuesday, **BRITNEY SPEARS** was ice-skating at New York's Rockefeller Center. She also shopped at the Gap and had dinner with friends, according to People magazine. Also revealed: the reaction of the father of Britney's first husband, Jason Alexander. "She would totally have had a better chance at it working out if she'd have stayed with Jason," said Dennis Alexander of Kentwood, La., Spears' hometown. (EXPRESS)

CLOSURE OK, Then. Let's All

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tled a lawsuit
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entertainer drugged and sexually assaulted her at his home
outside Philadelphia. Terms of the
settlement will remain confidential, according to a one-paragraph
statement released jointly by both

You may now put Bill Cosby back on his pedestal.

sides. Cosby's publicist, David Brokaw, said there would be no further comment. A

telephone number for the plaintiff could not be determined Wednesday and she could not be reached for comment. Her lawyer, Delores Troiani, declined further comment. (AP)

RT RAMSON/AP

When you're overwhelmed, try not to forget about haircuts and shaving.

ARTISTIC TYPES

Nicole Kidman Is, Like, Why Can't I Just Date Lawyers?

KEITH URBAN, who entered a rehabilitation center for alcohol abuse last month, has advice for people struggling with addiction: "Start communicating with the people around you," he told Best Life magazine. "Everyone gets overwhelmed at points, but it's when you think you can handle it yourself and you don't reach out for help. That's when the end is near." (AP)

CHOICES

In the South, One's Options For Stalking Are Quite Limited

Country music star LEE ANN WOMACK has secured a temporary protective order in Savannah, Ga., to keep away a man she says was stalking her. Her lawyers claim Mark Borer, 36, has been stalking her for the last year. Borer appeared outside Womack's parents' house while she was visiting; she also says she received "disturbing" letters. (AP)



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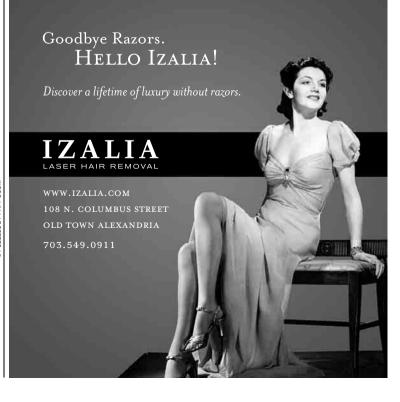
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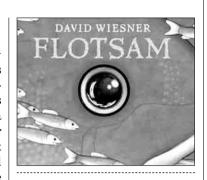
[on the] Spot

NAME: David Wiesner GIG: Children's book illustrator

ONE TUESDAY, to the surprise of dogs and one poor fellow eating a sandwich, frogs flew. By morning it was all over, leaving a puzzled town and a lot of limp lilypads behind, but a star was born. Wiesner won the Caldecott Medal in 1992 for "Tuesday," and another for a sly retelling of "The Three Pigs" and to produce other gorgeously painted flights of fantasy, including "Sector 7," which posits a steampunkish cloud factory; and "June 29, 1999," which follows a young girl's hot-air balloon journey across an absurd America. His latest, "Flotsam," peers through viewing devices to at the secrets beneath the ocean and at the nature of curiosity and memory.

Is "Flotsam" a concrete expression of the imagination?

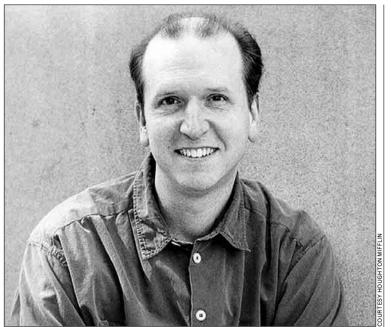
Yeah, the idea of "Flotsam," to me,



was a larger concept than just stuff floating around in the ocean. That is where the book started — as this sort of vague idea of connecting kids across time and space and this flotsam, this magical, imaginative spirit ... that passes through, hopefully, us all.

Did you begin with the ocean?

The ocean was always part of it. that idea sort of coupled with the visual image of a kid walking along the beach and finding something.. that could contain somehow a whole



MAGIC DOES EXIST: David Wiesner extracts the extraordinary from the ordinary.

history of who knows what.

The wordlessness creates a very intimate connection.

It wasn't until I started to publish them that I realized how readers interact with them, and what happens overwhelmingly is they want to write the story sit down and retell it with words and pictures themselves, which is wonderful.

You have to let go of control.

Yeah there's definitely an element of ... you don't know what's going to happen, which is nice. It's not up to me to say, "This is the version."

Your work seems to give life and an emotional voice to things like clouds and frogs and vegetables.

There's an element of that, certainly, you know — anything can happen

"Flotsam' ... was a larger concept than just stuff floating around in the ocean."

out there. It's fun to think that if you were looking carefully enough ... anything can be happening. So grounding the story in the everyday and sort of having that become extraordinary is fun to do.

It's also kid-friendly, giving them a forest and letting them pick a path.

Kids' minds are wide open and accepting of magic, if you will, and their imaginations are ready to follow you if you lay out the story. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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Speaking of War and Pain

The powerful 'Throat' chokes on the damage left in battle's wake

STAGE | For a play that takes place in a city of more than 9 million people, the world of Mando Alvarado's "Throat" feels awfully small.

It's not just Flashpoint's intimate Mead Theatre Lab stage, where audience members must avoid dropping their belongings, lest they trip the actors. The story itself is a bit claustrophobic, but that seems intentional.

Cesar (Raul Castillo) is a Marine who recently returned to New York City from Iraq, where he befriended Jack (Todd Spicer). Raul meets a not-so-recovering alcoholic named Maggie (Lisa Sauber) at a bar, and the pair have a drink, a chat and



THE FROG OF WAR: Raul Castillo stars as the troubled Iraq war veteran Cesar, who returns home to New York City harboring a secret he finds literally unspeakable.

a hook-up that goes awry. The next day, Jack urges Raul to see a therapist — who turns out to be Maggie.

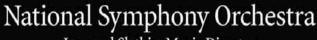
The troubled and mercurial Cesar is hiding a terrible secret and can at first only truly open up to the pigeons he feeds in the park. Initially reluctant to talk about his wartime experiences, Cesar eventually opens up with Maggie, only to clamp down when they discover their connected pasts.

The fog of war is a common literary subject, but "Throat" shines a powerful light on the war in Iraq and its emotional and psychological damage. ERIN TROMPETER

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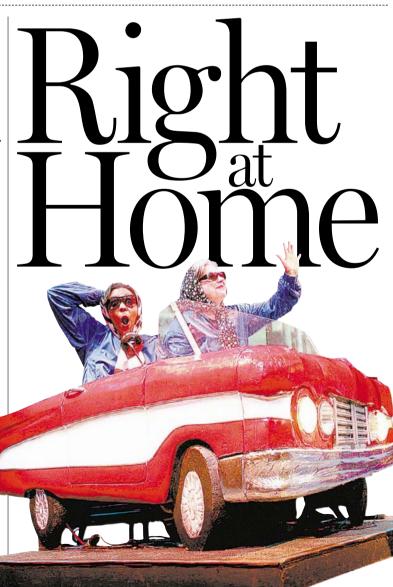
NEW SCHOOL: Squonk Opera finds the beauty in our 'burb with help from mutant trumpets, tiny cars and video projection.

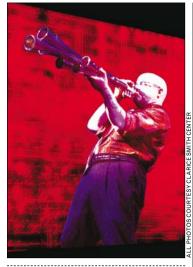
College Park gets its own opera — finally! and it's a doozy

OUT & ABOUT | Feeling a bit squonky lately? Well, no wonder. Pittsburghbased weirdos Squonk Opera — the same folks who made a musical of "Night of the Living Dead" — have been busily immortalizing our local environs in gloriously warped song, dance and video with "College Park: The Opera."

The etymology of "squonk" reveals itself in the show's explosive opening. The Tyrolean trumpet is "like eight stainless steel party horns welded together," said coartistic director Steve O'Hearn, who wields the mutant bugle. "It's ridiculously inelegant." The company of 12 uses archaic instruments alongside modern electric instruments, plus contributions from four local dance troupes, drawings by area schoolkids and video interviews of College Park residents.

"We interviewed 30 or 40 people of all races and genders," said O'Hearn, "including the first African-American mayor and his son who first integrated the schools. The interviews are programmed in between our more abstract musical bits.'





Those musical bits involve a pair of giant hands, one tiny clown car, accordions and flying horn players, among other oddities. But, said O'Hearn, "The only people who say things about College Park are people from College Park."

And the one thing College Park has that more operatic towns like Vienna or Paris do not? Terps football. "The fury people feel about their sports teams is as arbitrary as the country we're born in," said O'Hearn. "Even though Terps fans and Panthers fans may pretend to be enemies, it's one of the things they share as humans: rooting for a team. But that good humor is lost when teams become armies."

Almost forgot. College Park does orbit the hub of world politics. So in the great tradition of opera buffa, the silliness has an undertone of seriousness.

"Things have gone through a difficult period over the last six years," said O'Hearn. "We've never been more polarized within or outside the country. Letting people say how it makes them feel is important to resolving it, one way or another."

"Most of America lives in smaller cities, or away from larger metropolitan areas," said O'Hearn. "Even though we make reference to larger issues, it's about how our lives are made up of little moments. College Park is a small place, but it has a wonderful history." The decision by the Clarice Smith Center to commission the opera was, said O'Hearn, "brave, expensive and gutsy." Squonky, one might even

Sav. Bob Massey

→ Clarice Smith Center, Stadium Drive, College Park, Md.; through Fri., 8 p.m., \$30, students \$7; 301-405-2787.



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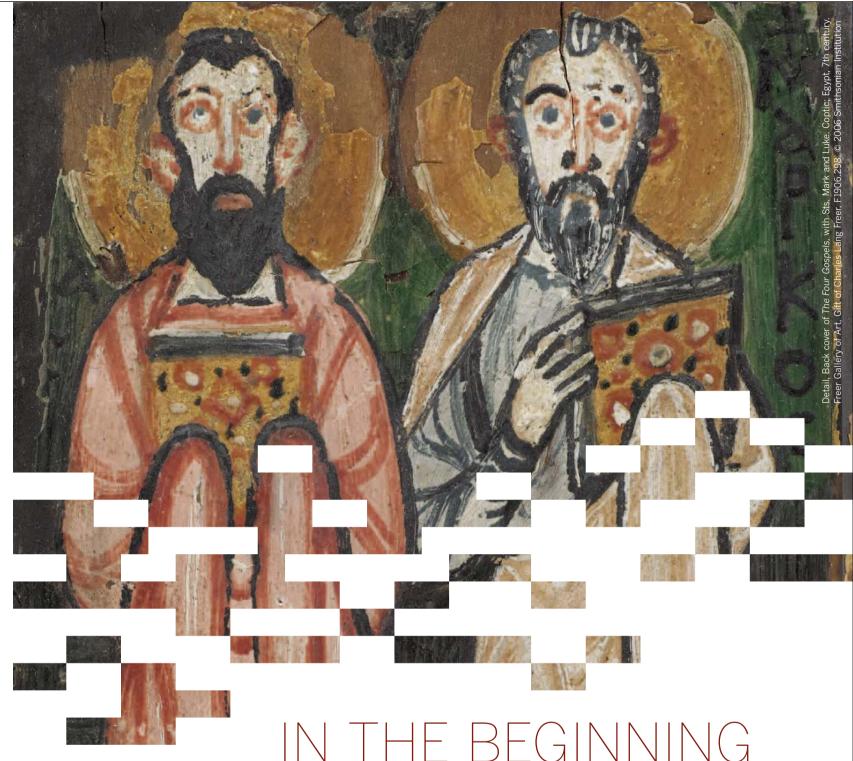
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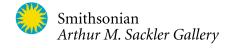
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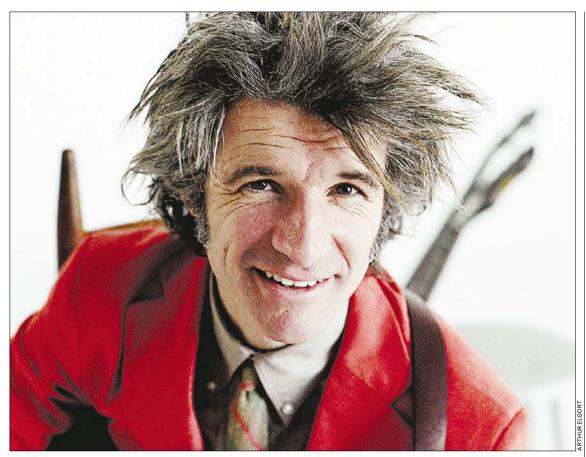
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THAT'S EDUTAINMENT: Zanes made his bones in the rock band the Del Fuegos, but his family-friendly career is on fire.

Social Occasion

Rocker Dan Zanes' kid-friendly musical world has lots of room

MUSIC | Dan Zanes has had fairly dramatic career shifts through his three decades in music: rocking through the '80s as the frontman for the Del Fuegos, a bluesy-folk solo career through the '90s, and, since 2001, a family favorite with his children's-folk albums. Express chatted with Zanes about his new brand of "social music."

Is your music for kids or adults?

I never really thought of it as children's music. I've always tried to make all-ages music. You never want to leave anybody behind.

Is this the musical equivalent to Pixar movies that adults watch after their kids have gone to bed?

Just because it's G-rated doesn't mean it won't be fun for adults. "A Hard Day's Night" is G-rated. When I started doing this, some people felt "Just because it's G-rated doesn't mean it won't be fun for adults."

sorry for me. They believed I was about to start doing songs about learning to eat with a fork, tie shoes. That was never my intention. I call it social music. Everybody's meant to be a part of it. That's what the concerts are like.

You've brought in big names. What's that been like?

Everybody has thrown himself or herself right into it. The way I present it is as if Debbie Harry, Philip Glass, the Five Blind Boys or Natalie Merchant came over to my house and had a meal and, afterwards, we decided to sing a few tunes. That's pretty much how it happens, any-

way! It was incredible to hear Lou Reed with nothing but an acoustic guitar and beat boxers. People appreciate they'll be presented a little differently.

Is there pressure to pass along serious messages to kids?

I don't consider myself an educator. I'm an entertainer. I like to perform songs such as "By the Riverside," a good anti-war song, or "We Shall Not Be Moved," which was a great song during the civil-rights era.

So there is a sort of larger message.

We put "Welcome Table" on this new record, which has real meaning this day and age, where there are a great deal of people in America who don't feel especially welcomed. I can't imagine making a record that's not connected to the here and now. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

→ Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; Sat., 1 p.m., \$20-\$28; 301-581-5100. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)

Talking Dirty With Bob

A foul-mouthed funnyman lurks in the prime-time icon

COMEDY | Dozens of comedians appeared in 2005's "The Aristocrats," but post-screening conversation revolved around just two of them. Sarah Silverman's "Joe Franklin raped me" routine was so sharp that anyone of Franklin's generation (including Franklin himself, it turned out) wasn't gonna get it. And, yeah, Bob Saget is actually funny.

People who'd turned up their noses at "Full House" and "America's Funniest Home Videos" - in other words, just the sort of people to plunk down nine bucks and change for a movie about one dirty joke — couldn't get over how gleefully Saget related a tale of family trauma that merited investigation by the Special Victims Unit.

When Saget played himself as a randy divorcé prowling for hookers on "Entourage," he sealed the deal. It was OK for hipsters and college kids to dig the guy who helped launch the Olsen twins.

It won't exactly be the host of "1 vs. 100" who does R-rated standup at Lisner on Thursday night. Expect something more along the



BOB'S YOUR DIRTY UNCLE: Saget sheds his avuncular image in stand-up.

lines of "Did your mother see 'The Aristocrats?' No, she told me it wasn't her cup of [excrement]."

"There are definitely two sides [to me]" Saget said. "But I liken it to, vou know, Redd Foxx did 'Sanford and Son,' and then he would go to Vegas and talk about his 'inner workings."

Saget remains proud of his long run on "Full House," calling it "one of the most wonderful things that can happen to an actor," though he admitted, "You can get pigeonholed." He seems less enamored of his clip-intro duties: "On the video show, half the time I looked at the reruns — I could never really watch myself - my eyes were saying, 'Please, save me." GLENN DIXON

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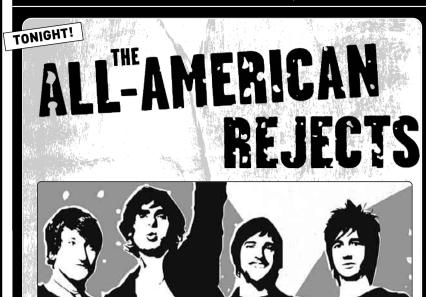
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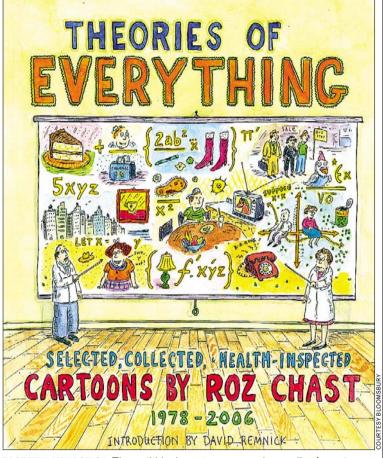
It's a Funny Old World

Roz Chast's matrons try to hold the tide of anxieties at bay

PAGES | Flip through the New Yorker, and chances are you won't see much of yourself. You're probably not waxing philosophical on a desert island. Chances are poor you're a whippet-thin socialite at a cocktail party sneering at someone's trophy wife. You are not, alas, a Mongol conqueror. But Roz Chast knows you — neurotic, unreasonably angry, just trying to get by.

Chast's brilliant, funny cartoons, drawn in her signature scribbly style and often heavy with text, get at modern and eternal anxieties. Her characters — schlubs in don't-look-at-me clothes — aren't paranoid; they're optimistic. That's why they're befuddled by senseless novelty, complex familial relationships and decorative absurdity. Just when you think you understand the kitchen countertop, along comes some idiot with a jar of decorative pasta and it's over — eyes goggling, mouth in a rictus of rage, Chast's characters just want to know what the hell is going on.

"The Theory of Everything" is Chast's latest book of cartoons, a



TASTEFUL NEUROTICA: The scribbly characters express deep wells of emotion.

selective compendium of panels from 1978 to 2006. Her book tour stops on Thursday in D.C., where she'll whip out her Powerpoint skills.

Chast gets at a complex play emotions in her people — guilt, confusion and anxiety among them. That is perhaps due to her background - she studied painting at the Rhode Island School of Design, drawing comics the whole time.

"When I was going to school, cartooning was ... it was a low sort of art form. Especially back then, the '70s, it was very serious. If you tried to connect with another person through your work, it was kind of suspect. And humor — oh, my God! That was the worst sin of all."

Now free to be a cartoonist and illustrator, Chast takes pleasure in drawing simple, interior items lamps ("They're sort of like bodies"), cups and saucers. And she takes greater pleasure in skewering the anxieties of modern life. while feeling every ounce of it.

Her current concerns? "Working on a children's book I did with Steven Martin, and I'm cleaning the refrigerator, and I have to put together the Powerpoint thing. Refrigerator, Powerpoint, book."

It sounds like a decent life.

"It's not bad. I'm not in screaming pain or anything." ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE: Is the film coming true or is your head writing it?

It's Only (Not Just) A Movie

The installation 'Paradise Institute' is intimate, disturbing

OUT & ABOUT | You are in a museum, inside a sort of large plywood box tricked out like a plush movie theater balcony with a doll house trompe l'oeil floor below. A movie is playing, but that isn't the point. You put on the headphones and try to watch the movie anyway, because that's the only thing happening.

Awoman enters annoyingly late to sit behind you, whispering to her companion — it sounds as if she's right in your ear — about ... something. A man she knows, the contents of her purse, whether she left the iron on. The film makes no sense on its own, but it seems to be reading this woman's mind, or she presaging the elliptical events it depicts.

You are in Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller's 2001 installation "The Paradise Institut," a bewildering, beautiful and disturbing multimedia project in which truth, fiction, art and psychology intersect in one extraordinary experience. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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Calling All Countries

Califone's musical smarts extend from downtown to Africa

MUSIC | "We have pretty wide musical tastes," said Califone singersongwriter Tim Rutili, "and we steal from everywhere."

The band's latest CD, "Roots & Crowns," includes bits of freak folk, cling-clang production that wouldn't sound out of place on a Tom Waits album and, on songs like "A Chinese Actor" and "Pink & Sour," African influences. "It was like that on 'Herron King Blues' as well," Rutili said of the non-American sounds.



The Chicago band crafts and covers a slew of beautifully skewed songs.

"There was a lot more Ethiopian or West African rhythms. It's just what we listened to."

While Califone has released

instrumental records, and its tunes have an improvisational feel, at the core of the Chicago-bred band's personality are strange but well-crafted songs.

The finest tune on "Roots & Crowns," however, isn't a Califone composition: "The Orchids" is a Psychic TV song from the band's 1983 album, "Dreams Less Sweet." While the original version of "The Orchids" actually feels Califone-like — a delicate folk song that's treated with African colors from a marimba — Rutili recasts the songs as a spooky Americana lullaby.

The chorus for "The Orchids" — "In the morning after the night/I fall

in love with the light" — could be considered the mantra of "Roots & Crowns," which was conceived and constructed after Califone almost called it quits following "King Heron Blues." But the sentiments in "The Orchids" weren't a conscious working theme so much as a complementary accident.

"We recorded a version of ['The Orchids'], which we were going to use as a B-side or as an extra track for Japan," Rutili said. "But when we were sequencing the record, that song worked right in the middle. When we were sequencing the record, it seemed to tie the two sides of the record together." CHRISTOPHER PORTER

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Fridays in Style and Weekend

The Washington Post

Getting the Bugs Out

Scena Theatre digs up some familiar dirt with 'The Insect Play'

STAGE | Since its debut in 1922, Karel Capek's "The Insect Play," written with his brother Josef, has been performed sporadically by brave theater companies, and critics have never been sure what to make of it. But Scena Theatre artistic director Robert McNamara pithily describes the cumulative effect of the sets, costumes and commentary: "It's like a children's play on drugs."

The three-act revue, now playing at Warehouse Theater, explores anthropomorphized bug worlds that look a lot like our own. As McNamara said, "It examines the human condition through the microcosm of insects. Act one is this sort of enchanting butterfly world, the gay society of the '20s, a cocktail world filled with sort of promiscuous butterflies floating around.



FLEETING PASSION: Michael McDonald, left, and Theo Hadjimichael fight over butterfly Elena Mrozowski, but not for long.

"Then we move into the world of capitalism and materialism, with the corrupt dung beetles.

"Then we move into the world of

the ants, and this is militarism and a belligerent, antlike mindset."

The sections are bound by the presence of one human being,

known as "the tramp" (Regen Wilson), who observes the doings of the fickle-hearted butterflies, mud-booted, middle-class dung hoarders and rank-and-file ants with ironic recognition.

Thanks to Scena's 14-actor ensemble ("We hired actors who can really move," said McNamara) and Russian design team, "The Insect Play" is a hallucinatory experience, at once beautiful and terrifying, fantastical and grounded, comedic and full of portent. Capek was writing in the wake of World War I, and McNamara points out that there was further carnage on the

"I think in this play, he foresees the madness that's going to come again to Europe,""when Hitler and Stalin were crushing the democracy that was then in Czechoslovakia," said the director. "[Capek] was a very outspoken man as a writer and a politician."

And just the manner of writer Scena takes to. The local troupe strives to bring international classic and avant-garde theater to D.C.

"Everyone's trying to get the latest play out of London or New York ... but our mission is to sniff out new scripts from around the world," said McNamara. And to keep their ears to the ground. Arion berger (express)

→ Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; through Nov. 19, \$20-\$32; 703-684-7990.

Four Times as Funky

Medeski, Martin & Wood find room for another ace player

MUSIC | There's a distinction between being a high-profile guest and a member of a group. Consider the gap between 1998's "A Go-Go" and this year's "Out Louder." The former album saw guitar hero John Scofield leading a session with jazzjammers Medeski, Martin & Wood as his back-up band, while the latter finds Scofield, well, let the billing tell the story: now it's Medeski, Scofield, Martin & Wood.

"A Go-Go" is now considered a hallmark in the decade-long jamband movement, so it comes as no surprise that Scofield reunited with MM&W. He establishes an accord so spontaneous and sparkling that he sounds as if he's always been a



John Scofield, left, adds six-string knowledge and panache to MM&W.

member of the ensemble.

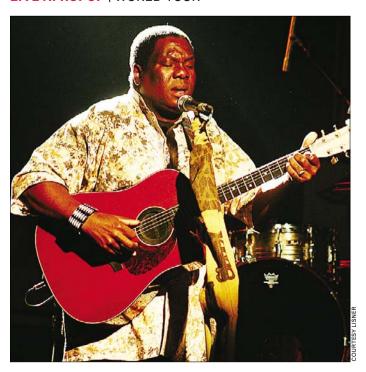
"It was a real collaboration in the studio," said bassist Chris Wood. "We wrote, improvised and made the [song] choices together. It was a real democratic process."

Released on MM&W's new imprint, Indirecto Records, "Out Louder" is a continuation of the swampy jazz-funk improv that the trio made a boilerplate for other jam bands. Sometimes alluding to the Meters ("Tootie Ma Is a Big Fine Thing"), at other times to Miles Davis' mid-'70s album "Get Up With It" ("Miles Behind" and "Telegraph"), the disc illustrates the quartet's gift for juxtaposing funk's tight grooves with the wanton spirit of free jazz, resulting in music that sounds familiar yet fresh.

"There's just enough chaos in the way that we do things that keeps us changing all the time," Wood explained. "Bands that figure out something that works and keep doing it all the time eventually become caricatures of themselves - almost like their own cover bands. We're also always trying to grow and change." JOHN MURPH

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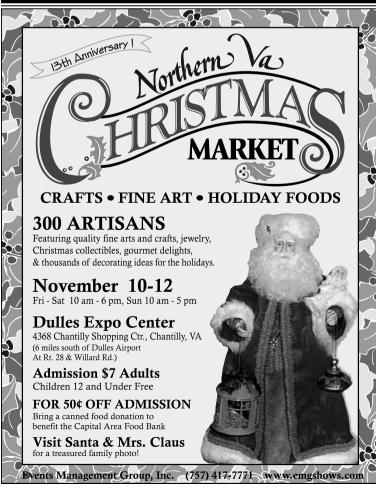
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A Vintage Find

The past isn't another country for musical seekers the Cassettes

MUSIC | For a band enamored of old-world handcraft, quirky instruments, Victorian broadsheets and elliptical portents of the End of Days, it seems surprising that the Cassettes are so technologically progressive.

Not that the music this aggregation of sterling-credit D.C. rockers plays involves bleeping or knob-twiddling; it's old-fashioned rock played on guitar, tabla, vibraslap, accordion, mouth harp, analog synthesizer — just like granddad used to make on the back porch with his buddies and that guy who had a theremin and always wore the same pants. But this worldly crew of seekers — frontman and songwriter Shelby Cinca, drummer and tabla player Saadat Awan; accordionist and keyboardist Stephen Guidry; and theremin player Arthur Harrison (approximately the band tends to expand and contract) — are stretching the means by which they reach fans.

"We changed our Web site to be an obscure newspaper," said Cinca. "Anyone can post articles in the Peoples' Voice column; and then we have this Shoutbox, where anyone can post. It's kind of like this big blogging community."

The site's podcast, handily,



WHAT, NO DRUM KIT? Clockwise from left, Harrison, Awan, Guidry and Cinca.

streams the Cassettes' third CD, "Neath the Pale Moon" (whose release they'll celebrate with a performance at Iota on Saturday) "as it would sound broadcast on '40s radio," complete with advertisements and florid hyperbole. The band sells its own tea blend and spends downtime busking on street corners and planning its next assault on the world of romantic steampunk stomp.

The album is vintage Cassettes — literally; Guidry said that by the time he joined the band in 2003, it "had a lot of songs recorded, kind of skeleton stuff ... there's certain songs on the record that I'd forgotten I'd even played on."

Cinca promises the next album will be "darker, creepier," but that the band is happy with "'Neath the Pale Moon." "It has an urgency, because the band wasn't going to be a real band. ... I was singing like, 'OK, this is the last Cassettes record."

Fortunately for fans of the future and the past, it's not. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

→ Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; with Kitty Hawk, Jakuta and Carl, Sat., 9:30 p.m., \$11; 703-522-8340, the cassettes.com. (Clarendon)

LIVE JAZZ-RAP | SONGS IN THE KEY OF LOVE



KEEPING IT SMART: There's a reason why Common's star has been steadily rising since the early '90s: Dude is sick. He'll bring the jazz, the romantic verses and the classic songs to a dress-code compliant crowd at Love on Friday.

Penguins Gotta Sing

A full-color musical in which the stars are black and white

COLD NUMBERS | "Happy Feet," a musical comedy set in Antarctica and featuring penguins as stars, has already consumed more than three years of director George Miller's time. But Miller is still upbeat and enthusiastic about a massive project whose staff at one point neared 500 workers.

The plot of "Happy Feet" deals with efforts by an outcast penguin named Mumble to fit in with his peers. Miller based the idea on the fact that emperor penguins have distinctive songs. "They sound like squawking to us, but somehow penguins can pick out individual songs from a colony of some 20,000 birds." The concept enabled the director to use music by everyone from the Beach Boys to Prince, and to work out elaborate dance sequences.

The film required massive computing power, not just for rendering characters, but also for Miller's "photo-real" backgrounds. Two separate expeditions were sent to Antarctica to photograph locations, and "Happy Feet" boasts



SOLE ON ICE: "Happy Feet" is all singing, all dancing, all quacking — but, unfortunately for the penguins, not much flying.

exotic but accurate landscapes. And the software used in the film enables the characters to move in a lifelike manner — Mumble has six million independent, movable surface elements.

Miller agrees that the process is as demanding as it is liberating. "The mantra of this film is: 'Why are we doing this?' Otherwise, you can go on forever without deciding anything. You have to ask yourself, do we need that sound, that bit of dialogue, that camera movement?"

The director attributes part of the long production schedule to building an animation facility from scratch, but also to the time he spent on the screenplay.

"One of the reasons why we tell

stories is to reach that enchantment that adults can feel when they get in touch with the sort of wonder that they had as a child," he said. "And I think with children it goes the other way — there must be some sort of nourishment out of the story. It can't be mindless entertainment." DANIEL EAGAN (FILM JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL)

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan

No petard goes unhoisted as Kazakh journalist Borat (comedian Sacha Baron Cohen) cuts his wide and occasionally vicious swath through the U.S. ANN HORNADAY

? The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause Santa Claus (Tim Allen) faces off against Jack Frost (Martin Short). This film was not screened for critics.

3 Flushed Away The first computer-generated cartoon from Aardman Animations is shot through with cheeky wit and hilarious musical numbers. ANN HORNADAY

4 Saw III

A weird amalgam of disturbing gore and artiness, this sequel is essentially another hack job, setting you up for "Saw 4." DESSON THOMSON



BORAT CONQUERS AMERICA: Sacha Baron Cohen collects laughs, goes home.

5 The Departed A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese again exploring the ritualized aggression of an American subculture. ANN HORNADAY

6 The Prestige Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman play feuding magicians in a film with a few classy tricks up its sleeve. ANN HORNADAY

7 Flags of Our Fathers Clint Eastwood's sobering new film stands with the best movies of this and the previous century. STEPHEN HUNTER

18 Man of the Year

The message—there's a fine line between politics and entertainment is familiar, but the movie can be smartfunny, Jennifer frey

Open Season This animated comedy trots out tropes that others have done with more wit and smarts. STEPHEN HUNTER

The Queen

Stephen Frears' tragicomedy about a public relations crisis at Buckingham Palace when Elizabeth II learns of Princess Diana's death is quite entertaining. DESSON THOMSON

Indies&Arties

Rebels With a Cause

When there was an East Germany. there was East German cinema, not that we ever got to see much. Now, many of these significant works are coming to the Goethe-Institut to be screened throughout the series "Rebels With a Cause: The Cinema of East Germany." The showcase, running through Dec. 7, features inventive, brave and tremendously rare films by artists who choose to transcend —and challenge — the limits of their time and place.

→ Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW \$4-\$6; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/ins/us/was/ enindex.htm.

We Don't Need You!

Riot grrrls, a movement that arose in the early '90s as part of attempts to unite do-it-yourself punk ideals and feminism, was particularly prominent in the District. Director Kerri Koch brings it all back home when "We Don't Need You! The Birth of Riot Grrrl" screens on Friday; Allison Wolfe (Partyline, Bratmobile) will speak before the lights go down.

→ Provisions Library, 1611 Connecticut Ave. NW; Friday, 7 p.m., \$5; 202-299-0460. (Dupont Circle)



For ski jumping pairs, the takeoff is exhilarating, but the landing is a bear.

It Could Happen

It sounds innocuous and uplifting: "Ski Jumping Pairs: Road to Torino, 2006." But ... there's no Winter Olympics this year, and pair ski jumping doesn't, you know, exist. Mashima Riichiro and Kobayashi Masaki's engaging satire sends up everything it touches, from athlete culture to sports fanaticism to video games.

→ Hirshhorn, Independence Avenue & 7th Street NW; Thu., 8 p.m., free; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn si.edu.

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→THURSDAY

Apex: College Night with DJ Randy White, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$5, free with college ID.

Bangkok Blues: BreakAway Band, 8 p.m., \$6.

Birchmere: Arlo Guthrie & Guests, 7:30 p.m., \$45.

Black Cat: The Aquarium, the Bickersons, Austin Lucas, 9 p.m., \$6 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Karrin Allison, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Chick Hall's Surf Club: Dennis Stroughmatt, 8 p.m., free.

Crossroads: Jamaica Me Crazy Happy Hour & the Twisted Afterparty: DJ Majestic, IO p.m., \$10 (ladies free with Internet pass).

DC9: Peelander-Z, Let's French, 9 p.m., \$8. **Ellington's on Eighth:** King Bee Blues Band, 7:30 p.m., \$10.

Ellipse Arts Center: Friday Morning Music Club (on Thursdays), 12 p.m., free. Five: Static Age: DJs Steve EP, Stereo

Faith, Killa K., Krasty McNasty, 9 p.m., \$8.

LIVE NEO-FOLK | DEATH SONGS FOR THE LIVING



BACK TO THE FUTURE: The mercurial elements Jay Farrar (of Son Volt) and Anders Parker (of Varnalin) together form Gob Iron. The alt-country icons of GI update traditional folk tunes to offer a set of blood-soaked, whistle-lonely death songs and murder ballads that will haunt your dreams long after you leave the Black Cat on Friday for sunnier spots.

GALA Theatre-Tivoli: Post-Classical Ensemble: A Portrait of Composer Mario Lavista, 8 p.m., \$25 (\$10 students).

Iota: Liquid Soul, 9 p.m., \$16.

Jammin' Java: Hot Buttered Elvis, 8 p.m., \$15.

Jaxx: Locals Only Live: Soul Intension, Pierce, Forgetten, Valient Thorr, 8 p.m., \$7-\$10. Kennedy Center: The Every Thing,

6 p.m., free. NSO: Miguel Harth-Bedoya, conductor; Nadja Solerno-Sonnenberg, violin; performs Tchaikovsky, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80.

Love: Moe Hamdan, Fito Garcia, 9 p.m., \$10.

9:30 Club: She Wants Revenge, Pretty Girls Make Graves, Monsters Are Waiting,

7 n.m., \$25.

Patriot Center: All American Rejects, Gym Class Heroes, the Starting Line, the Format, 7 p.m., \$25.

Platinum: DJs QicSilver, Smokey Joe & José, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after II p.m.

Rams Head: The Subdudes, 8 p.m., \$36.
The Red and the Black: Rustbuckit,

Bones, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: The Capitol Years, City Goats, National Eye, 9 p.m., \$10.

State Theatre: Kelley Hunt, 8:30 p.m.,

Strathmore: BSO performing Mussorgsky, Theofanidis, Beethoven, 8 p.m., \$2I-\$80.

Twins Jazz: Kevin Jefferson, 9 & Il p.m., \$10-\$30.

Wyndham Hotel: Pieces of a Dream, 8:30 p.m., \$35.

Zanzibar: Familiar Faces, 8 p.m., \$15.

→ FRIDAY

Apex: DJ Rob Harris, VJ Mark Hawkins, Karaoke with Gladys Kravitz, 9 p.m., \$8.

Bangkok Blues: Acme Blues, the Passion for Blues, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

The Barking Dog: ADHD, Human Room, 9 p.m., \$3.

Birchmere: Chris Smither, Crooked Still, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Black Cat: An Evening with Gob Iron: Jay Farrar, Anders Parker, 9 p.m., \$15. Blackcatatonia: DJ DK, '80s, hip-hop, electronica dance night, 10 p.m., free (backstage).

Blues Alley: Karrin Allison, 8 & 10 p.m.,

Bohemian Caverns: Young Lions, 9 p.m.,

Chick Hall's Surf Club: Heroes and Friends, 9:30 p.m., \$2.

Crossroads: Escape Fridays, 9 p.m., \$10. *Continued on E16*



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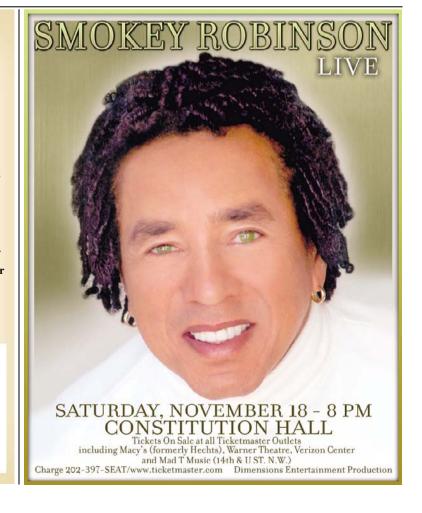
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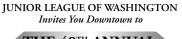
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DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m. The Changes, II p.m., \$5.

Ellington's on Eighth: Max Koteen Trio, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Foundry United Methodist Church: 14th Annual Concert for Life AIDS Benefit. 8 p.m., \$50 (\$25 seniors, persons living with AIDS).

Galaxy Hut: Airport Boulevard, the Chris & Joylene Show, 9:30 p.m., \$5,

George Mason University's Center for the Arts: GMU Chamber Ensembles, 8 p.m., \$7-\$10.

Iota: Juniper Lane, Saturn Down, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Jenny Boyle, 7 p.m., \$10. Jaxx: Cannibal Cornse, Dving Fetus. Necrophagist, Unmerciful, Decapitate, 7 p.m., \$28, (\$25 in advance).

Kennedy Center: NSO Youth Fellows, 6 p.m., free. NSO: Miguel Harth-Bedoya, conductor: Nadia Solerno-Sonnenberg. violin: performs Tchaikovsky, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80. Keter Betts Tribute, 7:30 & 9:30 n.m. \$30

Levine School of Music: Boris Berman, 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$30.

Love: Common, 8 p.m., \$20.

9:30 Club: Medeski, Scofield, Martin & Wood, 9:45 p.m., sold out.

Platinum: College Fridays, free with pass

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MORE THAN SIMPLY POLITICS: The Wilson Building is now home to the City Hall Art Collection, featuring local artists representing all eight wards. One of the photographers, Max Hirshfield, captures D.C.'s range of personalities, from Capitol Hill go-getters to characters like Robert Kairy, pictured.

Apex: 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505. Bangkok Blues: 926 W. Broad St., Falls Church: 703-534-0095.

The Barking Dog: 4723 Elm St., Bethesda: 30I-654-0022.

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Theater): Greenbriar and Washington Sts., Charleston, W.Va; mountainstage.org. 9:30 Club: 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

Patriot Center at GMU: 4500 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-993-3000. Platinum: 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.

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from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after II p.m. Rams Head: Christine Lavin, 7:30 p.m., \$23.50.

The Red and the Black: Deleted Scenes, Person, Elevado, Except After Sea. 9:30 n.m. \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Room Service: A Rock and Roll Disco, DJs Will Eastman, Jesse Tittsworth, 9 p.m., \$8.

Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: MB3: Jimmy Bruno, Vic Juris, Corey Christiansen, 6 n.m., \$10.

State Theatre: Los Straitjackets, the Pontani Sisters, 9 p.m., \$15.

Strathmore: Chuck Brown and the Funky Meters, 8 p.m., \$18-\$65.

Twins Jazz: James Westfall, Tim Warfield. 9 & II n.m., \$15.

Zanzibar: Howard Hewitt, \$20.

→ SATURDAY

Apex: Apex Follies: Drag show hosted by Kristina Kelly, DJ Mark Hawkins, VJ Steve Rosa, 10:30 p.m., \$8.

Bangkok Blues: Hey Norton, 8:30 p.m., \$5.

Birchmere: Christine Lavin, the Lascivious Biddies, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Black Cat: Moustrap: Britpop dance night, 9:30 p.m., \$10. Notorious: DJs Seth, Trent, new wave and dance classics, 9:30 p.m., free (backstage).

Blues Alley: Karrin Allison, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Bohemian Caverns: Craig Alston Quartet. 9 p.m., \$15.

Chick Hall's Surf Club: Acme Blues Co., Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner. Mike Westcott & Blues on Board, 8 p.m., \$10.

Crossroads: DJs spin reggae, socca, hip-hop, IO p.m. (ladies free with Internet pass).

DC9: The Dance Party, the Sentiment, Five Four, the Vita Ruins, 9 p.m., \$8,

Ellington's on Eighth: Dave Kain Group, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Embassy of Switzerland: The Washington Saengerbund: German Opera and Operertta, 7 p.m., \$25-\$35.

Iota: The Cassettes, Kitty Hawk, Jakuta and Carl, 9:30 p.m., \$11.

Jaxx: Zero Hour, Odin's Court, Brave, Division, Encompass, Andsvara, 7 p.m., \$15 (\$12 in advance).

Kennedy Center: NSO Prelude, 6 p.m., free. Vocal Arts Society: New York Festival of Song, 2 p.m., \$38.50. NSO: Miguel Harth-Bedoya, conductor; Yo-Yo Ma, cello: performs Shostakovich, 8 p.m.,

Love: Latin Rhythms, Hip-Hop, RnB, Old Skool, International Rhythms, 9 p.m., \$10. 9:30 Club: North Mississippi Allstars,



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Platinum: Hip-hop, reggaeton, club mix, 9 p.m., \$15.

Rams Head: Chris Smither, Crooked Still, 7 p.m., \$22.50.

The Red and the Black: The Bourbon Dynasty, Rose, Kid Goat, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Witchcraft. Davana, Adam West, So Many Dynamos,

9 n.m., \$10-\$12. State Theatre: Blues Traveler, 9 p.m., \$32 (\$30 in advance).

Strathmore: Dan Zanes and Friends, I n.m., \$15-\$28.

Twins Jazz: James Westfall, Tim Warfield, 9 & II n.m., \$15.

Zanzibar: The Longombas, 9 p.m., \$20.

→ SUNDAY

Bangkok Blues: Mark Mandel's Allstar

Blues Jam, 8 p.m., free.

Birchmere: Edwin McCain, Meghan Coffee. 7:30 n.m., \$25.

Black Cat: Detroit Cobras, King Khan & BBQ Show, Taylor Hollingsworth and the Spider Eaters, 8 p.m., \$13.

Blues Alley: Karrin Allison, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25

Bohemian Caverns: Madia Afrobeats Fundraiser, 9 p.m., \$15.

Chick Hall's Surf Club: Blues Jam, 4 p.m., free.

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center: Maria Schneider Orchestra. 7:30 n.m., \$35 (\$7 students).

Crossroads: Dancehall Sunday: Jason Steele, Andy G, Jet Lee, Steelie Basement, IO p.m., \$10.

DC9: Pash, Lolita Bras, the Blue Hour,

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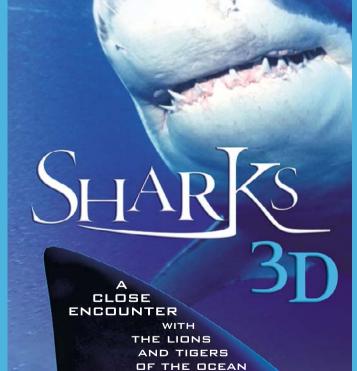
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THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS COVER BAND: The Detroit Cobras embrace the fact that no indie rocker will ever come up with a song as good as Bobby Womack's "Baby, Help Me." Trashy and loving it, the Cobras hit the Black Cat on Sunday to perform hot-rod-era R&B and rock 'n' roll rarities.

Continued from F17

Galaxy Hut: J. Forte, Secret Pop Band, the Breakups, 9 p.m., \$5.

George Mason University's Center for the Arts: GMU Chamber Ensembles, 3 p.m., \$7-\$10. GMU Chamber Wind Ensemble, 8 p.m., \$7-\$10.

Iota: Califone, Brent Green, 8:30 p.m., \$10. Jammin' Java: Amy Rigby Full Band, 8 p.m., \$12.

Johnson Center Cinema: The Cutest Puppy in the World, 7 p.m., \$5.

Kennedy Center: Sattuma, 6 p.m., free. Young Concert Artists Series: Emmanuel Ceysson, harp, 2 p.m., \$30.

Lisner Auditorium: Acoustic Africa: Habib Koite, Vusi Mahlasela, Dobet Gnahore, 8 p.m., \$15-\$35.

Mountain Stage: The Bottle Rockets, Crooked Still, Heartless Bastards, Gob Iron & Jay Farrar, Chip Taylor & Carrie Rodriguez, 6 p.m., \$15 (\$10.50 in advance)

9:30 Club: Idan Raichel Project, 6 p.m., \$35. Cut Chemist, Lyrics Born, Nighttime Gallagher, IO p.m., \$20.

Platinum: DJs Alizay, Trini & Superslice-Muzik Nashun spin hip-hop, reggae and R&B, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after II p.m.

Rams Head: Edwin McCain, Meghan Coffee. 10 p.m., \$37.50.

The Red and the Black: Hello Stranger, the Rinse, 9:30 p.m., \$8,

Rock and Roll Hotel: Bodog Battle of the Bands, 6 n.m., \$15.

State Theatre: Tim Reynolds, 8 p.m., \$17 (\$15 in advance).

Twins Jazz: Ictus Records 30th Anniversary Tour: Andrea Centazzo, Perry Robin-

son, Nobu Stowe, 8 p.m., \$10-\$30. Wolf Trap: Los Straitjackets, the Pontani Sisters, Kaiser George, 2 p.m., \$8-\$15.

Alex Gallery: "In Silence Dreams are Hidden," Finnish painter Hannu Palosou. Maciek von Ato's "What You Don't See." "Garden Journal XIV," handmade paper flowers and vegetables by Ann Zahn, all through Nov. 30. 2106 R St. NW; 202-667-2599, alexgalleries.com.

American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery: "William H. Johnson's World on Paper," never-before-exhibited prints. "Passing Time: The Art of William Christenberry" images of the American south as it wears away, ongoing. "Portraiture Now," through Jan. 7. "Ruth Duckworth: Modernist Sculptor," through Jan. 15. "An Impressionist Sensibility: The Halff Collection," one of the finest private collections from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, through Feb. 4. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, www.npg.si.edu, americanart.si.edu/index3.cfm.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Two Hundred Years of Black Paper Dolls: The Collection of Arabella Grayson," tracing social change through paper dolls; "D.C. Undercover: Photgraphs by Steven M. Cummings," citizens of the District wearing caps and hats, both open Sun., through April 29. "Banding Together: Public School Bands as Instruments of Opportunity," through May. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000. anacostia.si.edu.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "The Song of Songs: The Honeybee in the Garden," illuminated manuscripts by artist and scribe Debra Band, through

Continued on F22

Dining WeekendPass



Quaff the Sudsy Best of England, Germany & the U.S.

Several kegs of Russian River's Pliny the Elder sold out in three weeks at Birreria Paradiso, the beer bar in the basement of Pizzeria Paradiso in Georgetown. "It has a cult following and sold out fast," said Thor Cheston, the bar's general manager. "American beer drinkers in particular like really hoppy beers."

The Monday night series at Birreria Paradiso allows participants to "tour the world's major beer-producing countries." Attendees can sample lagers, stouts, Heifeweissen, ales and others from England (Nov. 13) and Germany (Nov. 20), as well as specialty beers from various regions in the U.S. (Nov. 27). Prices are \$60 per tasting and include two small plates and a pizza from the menu.

Those who'd rather drink American can head over to the Evening Star Café's No. 9 Lounge on Nov. 15 for a Clipper City beer and cheese tasting for \$25 helmed by Baltimore Brewer Tom Cizauskas, featuring Winter Storm Category 5 Ale, Peg Leg Imperial Stout and Loose Cannon Hop3 IPA, among

- → Birreria Paradiso, 3282 M St. NW; 202-337-1245.
- → Evening Star Café, 2000 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-5051

HOW NOW, GROUND COW?

Burger Specials Abound for The Post-Work Nosher

Several bars within restaurants around town have homed in on



IT'S WHAT'S FOR HAPPY HOUR: 21P offers cheddary goodness on a kaiser roll.

after-work burger cravings by offering sit-down burgers at fastfood prices. Chef Geoff's offers a \$5 half-pound cheddar burgers served in the bar Monday through Saturday from 3-7 p.m. It's served with a side of fries, field greens or a Caesar salad, and weekend burger specials are available all day at the Pennsylvania Avenue location.

The lounge at 21P offers two 4 oz. patties with thick-sliced cheddar on a kaiser roll with a side of fries for \$5 every night of the week. And, no, the "bitch and a burger" special isn't what you think, whatever you're thinking — it's a \$9 combo of a glass of 2004 Bitch Grenache and a burger.

For really cheap cow patties, there's always McCormick & Schmick's, where half-pound cheddar burgers are \$1.95 between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. If working late is on the night's agenda, order one at Tunnicliff's for \$5 from the latenight menu after 11 pm.

- → Chef Geoff's, 13th Street between E and Fstreets NW; 202-464-4461; 3201 New Mexico Ave. NW: 202-237-7800.
- → 21P, 2100 P St. NW; 202-223-3824.

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- → McCormick & Schmick's, various locations, www.mccormickandschm
- → Tunnicliff's, 222 7th St. SE; 202-544-5680.

FOOD FIGHT!

D.C. Chefs Face Off. Cook Strong for a Good Cause

Oh, it is on. The Capital Food Fight rolls out its shiny carts of combat this week as numerous "battling chefs" — including Galileo's Roberto Donna, Hank's Oyster Bar's "Jamie Leeds, former champ Ris Lacoste and others — fight it out before a live audience of fans, chefs, restaurateurs and foodies. When it's all over, one hash-slinger will emerge victorious and a heaping pile of money will have been raised for the D.C. Central Kitchen.

→ Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Wed., Nov. 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$125 per person; capitalfoodfight.org. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

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I'm taking my very pregnant vegetarian friend to lunch. I eat meat and have the occasional early cocktail, so what do you suggest? I'd probably head to Bombay Club or Butterfield 9.

→ Bombay Club, 815 Connecticut

Ave. NW; 202-659-3727.

→ Butterfield 9, 600 14th St. NW; 202-289-8810.

I was in L.A. recently and tried "omakase"-style sushi (chef's choice). Do any places in D.C. offer an omakase menu?

- → Sushi-Ko. 2309 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4187.
- → Kaz Sushi Bistro, 1915 I St. NW; 202-530-5500.
 - → Makoto, 4822 MacArthur Blvd.

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lareal, through Nov. 22. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com.

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DAR Museum: "Myth or Truth? Stories We've Heard About Early America," the museum examines the reliability of "history," through March 3I. 1776 D St. NW; 202-572-0563, dar.org.

District Fine Arts: "Inclement Weather," paintings by Melchus Davis, opens Sat., through Dec. 13. 1726 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-328-9100. dfaonline.com.

District of Columbia Arts Cen-

ter: "Exchange: Richmond @ D.C.." a micrcosm of Richmond's vibrant, eclectic and layered arts communities, through Dec. IO. 2438 I8th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Ellipse Arts Center: "All Arlington Salon," all-media exhibition for artists who live, work, study or maintain studios in Arlington, through Dec. I6. 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-228-7710, arlingtonarts.org/ellinseartscenter.htm.

LAST CHANCE Embassy of the Czech Republic: Prints by Mila Judge-Furstova, through Fri. 3200 Spring of Freedom St. NW; 202-274-9I00, mzv.cz/

wwwo/?zu=washington. **EWINT A Woman's Story Gallery:**

"Reflections," oils on canvas by Israeli-American Regina Margarita Barker-Barzel, through Dec. I6. I307 King St., Alexandria; 703-778-6310, ewint.org.

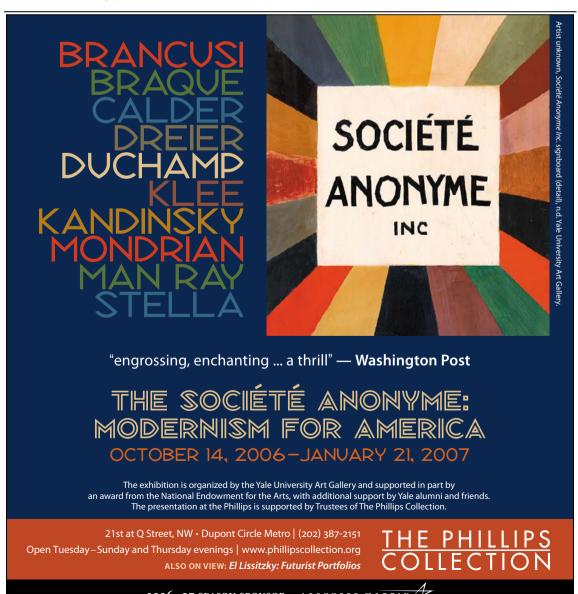
Fine Art and Artists Gallery: "The Mary Parade," paintings by Susanna Bluhm, through Nov. 18. 2920 M St. NW; 202-965-0780, faagallery.com.

Flashpoint: "Me, You & Those Other Folks," A.B. Miner, Ian Jehle and Nekisha Durrett examine the artist's point of view Continued on F24

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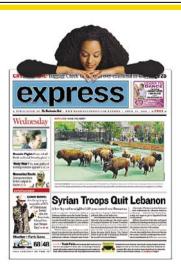
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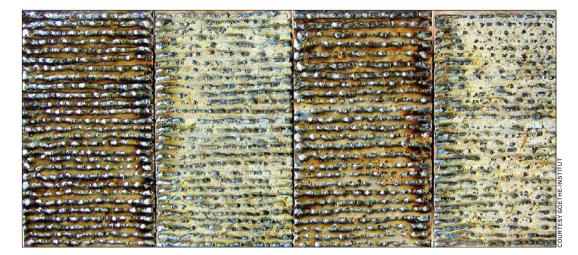




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in portraiture, through Nov. 22. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310, flashpointdc.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Technologies of Writing in the Age of Print," an exhibit examining the way individuals in early modern Europe relied upon pen and paper to negotiate what we now refer to as "information overload," through Feb. 17. 20I East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

Foundry Gallery: "Gesture and Intuition," the debut multimedia work of Dean Manis. through Nov. 26. I3I4 I8th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundry-gallery.org.

Fraser Gallery: "Sky Light," by Maxwell MacKenzie, opens Fri., through Jan. 6. 7700 Wisconsin Ave. NW: 301-718-9651. thefrasergallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Beyond Brushwork: Symbolism in Chinese Painting," through Nov. 26. "Freer — A Taste for Japanese Art," through Jan. I. "Freer and Tea: Raku. Hagi, Karatsu," through Jan. I. "In the Beginning: Bibles Before the Year 1000," through Jan. 7. "Perspectives: Simryn Gill," the Singapore-born contemporary artist transforms found objects into installations, through April 29, "Parades: Freer Ceramics Installed by Gwyn Hanssen Pigott," through Nov. 4, 2007. Jefferson Drive & I2th Street SW; 202-633-4880. www.asia.si.edu.

Galerie Myrtis: "Art of the Collectors." African and African-American works of art from prominent local collectors, ongoing, 500 9th St. SE; 202-548-7575.

Gallery A: "Three Painters from Korea." work by Jin Hi Lee, Kyung Ae Kim and

Hojun Song, through Nov. 30. 2106 R St. NW; 202-667-2599, alexgalleries.com.

Gallery Neptune: "Three," pieces by Kim Bentley, Rion Hoffman and Kirk Waldroff, through Nov. 25, 4808 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-0809, gallerynentune.com.

Gallery Plan B: Dual exhibitions of paintings by Andrew Criss and sculpture by Michael Enn Sirvet, through Nov. 26. I530 I4th St. NW; 202-234-27II, galleryplanb.com.

LAST CHANCE G Fine Art: "Open End," paintings by Maggie Michael, worlds of violence and growth, somewhere between living and dying, through Sat. 1520 14th St. NW; 202-462-I60I, gfineartdc.com.

Glenview Mansion: Pieces by James Anderson, Bonnie Lee Holland, and James Kessler that incorporate objects typically seen in outdoor landscapes, through Nov. 28, 603 Edmonston Drive. Rockville Civic Center Park; 240-314-5006, rockvillemd.gov/arts.

The Graham Collection: "The Colors of November," art by Liani Foster, Anita Phi-Ivaw, and Francis Washington, through Nov. 26, 3518 12th St. NF: 202-832-9292.

Goethe-Institut: "Lichtbogen/Arc d'Light," steel sculptor Wulf Kirschner and painter Nicola Staglich collaborate, through Jan. 3I. 8I2 7th St. NW; 202-289-I200, goethe.de/washington.

Hemphill: "Jacob Kainen." figurative paint ings and works on paper; "Windows and Signs," by Godfrey Frankel, both open Sat., through Dec. 22. I5I5 I4th St. NW; 202-234-560I, hemphillfinearts.com.

Hirshhorn Museum: "Black Box: Jesper Just," short films focusing on juxtanositions, through Dec. IO. "The Uncertainty of Objects and Ideas: Recent Sculpture," through Jan. 7. "Collection in Context, an exploration of contemporary sculp-

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→ Also, theater for area kids; gospel star Vickie Winans drops a CD and hits Howard; the National Ski & Snowboard Expo hauls in a lot of snow.

ture, through Jan. 7. "Ways of Seeing: John Baldessari Explores the Collection." Baldessari's installation uses works from the museum's holdings, through July, 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Irvine Contemporary: "Over Under Sideways Down, Backward Forward Square

and Round," works on and with paper by artists including Chuck Close, Chantal Ackermann and Ju-Yeon Kim; "She Had to Go," solo exhibition by Lori Esposito, both through Nov. 25. 1412 P St. NW: 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

Jane Haslem Gallery: "A Harvest of New Works on Paper," an assortment of recent works by gallery artists including DeWitt Hardy, George Harkins and Lincoln Perry, through Dec. 15, 2025 Hillver Place NW: 202-232-4644, janehaslemgallerv.co.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Jerusalem: Between Visions and Realities," an exploration of the city's complex historical, religious, and emotional significance, opens Fri., through Dec. 22. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW: 202-338-1958. theierusalemfund.org.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "A. Aubrey Bodine," a retrospective exhibition celebrating his 100th anniversary; "F.I. Wall: New Work, Deconstruction and Reconstruction," through Dec. 22, 1609 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-328-0955, kathle enewinggallerv.com.

Library of Congress: "Illuminating the Word: the Saint John's Bible," part of the first handwritten, illuminated Bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years, plus ornate Bibles from the Middle Ages, through Dec. 23. "Enduring Outrage: Editorial Cartoons by Herblock," an exhibition of original work by the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist, through Jan. 20. "Cartoon America: Highlights From the Art Wood Collection," through Jan. 27. 101 Independence Drive SE; 202-707-8000, loc.gov/exhibits

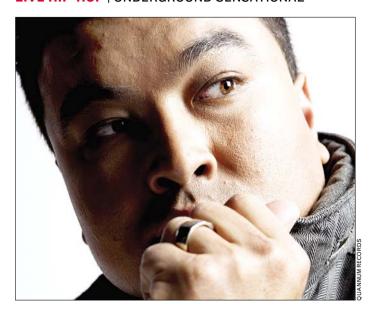
LAST CHANCE Long View Gallery:

"New Works," painting and clay pieces by Sandra Warren Gobar and Tricia Bishop, through Sun. I302 9th St. NW; 202-232-4788, longviewgallery.com.

Luther W. Brady Art Gallery: "The Franz and Virginia Bader Fund: Artists of the First Three Years," the work of artists who have been awarded a Bader Fund grant, through Jan. 26. Media and Public Affairs Building, 805 21st St. NW; 202-994-I525, gwu.edu/~bradvart.

LAST CHANCE Mu Project: "Xie Rong: Broken Pieces of Civilization," through

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Sat. I52I Wisconsin Ave. NW. No. 2: 202-333-4199, munroject.com.

National Academy of Sciences:

"Nikon's Small World Winning Images." through Dec. 20, "Hidden Codes," paintings of genetic code by Dennis Ashbaugh, through May IO. 2100 C St. NW; 202-334-2436, nationalacademies.org.

National Air and Space Museum:

"Earth From Space." rare views of surface events such as hurricanes, dust storms, forest fires and volcanic eruptions, opens Sat., through Jan. 7. 6th St. and Independence Ave., 202-633-I000, eathfromspace.si.edu.

National Archives: "Evewitness: American Originals From the National Archives, written and recorded firsthand accounts of major historical events, through Jan. I. Constitution Avenue between 7th & 9th streets NW: 202-357-5300. www.archives.gov.

National Building Museum: "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design," through June 30. "Washington, Symbol and City," ongoing, "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection. ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nhm.org.

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de Kooning, through Sun. "Constable's Great Landscapes: The Six-Foot Paintings," through Dec. 3I. "The Streets of New York: American Photographs From the Collection, 1938-1958," through Jan. 15. "Prayers and Portraits: Unfolding the Netherlandish Diptych." pieces from the I5th and I6th centuries, opens Sun., through Feb. 4. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, www.nga.gov.

National Geographic Society:

"Echoes of 1608: John Smith's Voyages on the Chesapeake," includes a replica of Smith's 30-foot-long boat, through weird and wonderful animals, through nationalgeographic.com/museum.

ble Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body," ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 30I-496-6308, www.nlm.nih.gov.

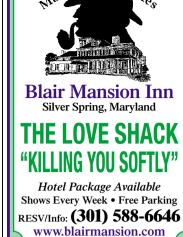
National Museum of African Art: "African Gold," through Nov. 26. "First Look: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Dec. 3. "Body of Evidence," contemporary African artists use the body, ongoing, 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, nmafa.si.edu.

National Museum of Health and Medicine: "Scarred for Life." 35 ink prints showing surgical scar marks by Ted Meyer, through March. 6900 Georgia Ave. NW, AFIP, Building 54; 202-782-220, nmhm.washingtondc.museum.

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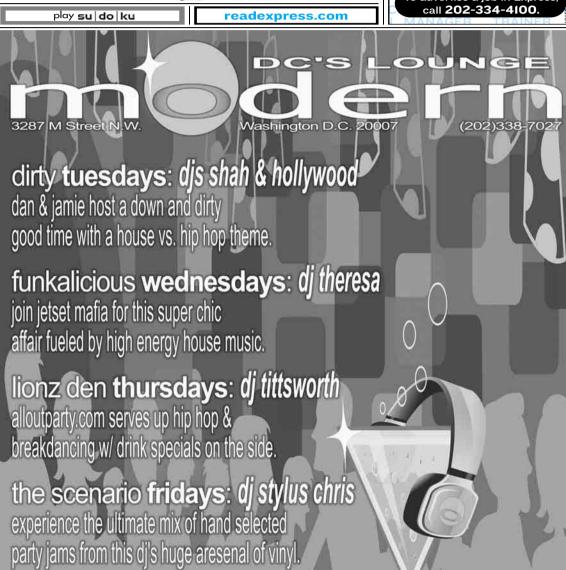
tory: "Arctic: A Friend Acting Strangely," through Nov. 30. "Change Is in the Air," capturing our atmosphere, through Nov. 30. "Visual Griots of Mali." 40 black and white photographs by Malian youth, through April. "Transitions: Photographs by Robert Creamer," through June 24. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW:





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202-633-1000, www.mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "The Book as Art," 20 years of art-

ists' books, through Feb 4. I250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

Nevin Kelly Gallery: Solo exhibition of new mixed-media works by noted American artist Eugene Healy, through Dec. 3. I5I7 U St. NW; 202-232-3464. nevinkellygallery.com.

LAST CHANCE The Ninth Street

Gallery: Paintings by Genacy Kasapci. through Wed. I306 9th St. NW; 202-459-1491, theninthstreetgallery.com.

Numark Gallery: "The Last Show," artists who have worked closely with the gallery take part in its final exhibit, through Dec. 16, 625-27 E St. NW: 202-628-3810. numarkgallery.com.

Orchard Gallery: "A Closer Look," Sophia McCrocklin's color-infused fabric collages, through Nov. 30. 7917 Norfolk Ave., Rethesda: 240-497-1219

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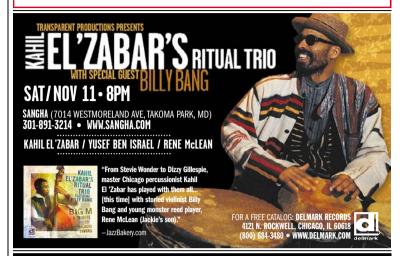


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Tammy Williams, who was recently released from prison after IO years, 1600 K St. NW, Suite 501; 202-393-1511, prisonsfoundation.org.

LAST CHANCE Project 4: "Good Cop/ Bad Cop," solo exhibitions by Daniel Davidson and Tricia Keightley, through Sat. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340.

LAST CHANCE The Rockville Campus Art Gallery: "Painting in Motion," multimedia art exhibit, through Fri. Paul Peck Art Building, 5I Mannakee St., Rockville, 301-279-5115, montgomerycollege.edu/artrockville.

Target Gallery: "Josephine Durkin: Tear, Cut. Fold & Lean," through Nov. 26, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria: 703-838-4565. torpedofactory.org.

Textile Museum: "Pieces of a Puzzle: Classical Persian Carpet Fragments," through Jan 7. "Mantles of Merit: Chin Textiles From Mandalay to Chittagong." through Feb. 25, 2320 S St. NW: 202-667-044I, textilemuseum.org.

Touchstone Gallery: "Mama Love," photographer Camille Mosley-Pasley explores the powerful connection between mothers and children, through Dec. 3. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

Transformer Gallery: "Gentle Reader," by Molly Springfield, through Dec. 2. 1404 P St. NW: 202-483-1102. transformergallerv.org.

Union Gallery: "Selections: Works by University of Maryland Students," opens Tues., through Dec. I4. UMd., College Park, 30I-3I4-8492, union.umd.edu/ gallery.

University Town Center: Paintings by Tom Cardarella, Yvon Fleurival, and Gaines Clore Wynn, through Dec. 15. 6525 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville; 301-277-1402.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Protecting America's Wildest Urban River: From Floods to Flowers in the Potomac Gorge," through Nov. 19. "Lines on Paper: How a Fantasy Becomes a Garden," through Jan. 15. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, usbg.gov.

Warehouse: "Shock and Awe: Artists Look at War," through Nov. 26. 1021 7th St. NW: 202-783-3933. warehousetheater.com.

Washington Printmakers Gallery:

"Sequences and Tree Shadows," monoprints by Martha Oatway, through Nov. 26. I732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

Washington Studio School: "Art Meets Theater," stages of the creative process both in the theater and the studio, through Nov. 18, 4505 Stanford St., Chevy Chase:



The Surreal Life In Dupont Circle

WHAT'S A FUN thing to do this Thursday night? The fish! Put on your best pepper-grinder earrings and stick an eyeball in your jacket buttonhole, because it's time for the Phillips Collection's "Artful Evening," an "Evening With the Art of the Future." This evening-long event involves a lecture, "Marcel Duchamp & the Spirit of Dada"; four short experimental films; the music of pianist Gilles Vonsattel and a special focus on some of the masterworks created by Duchamp (above, right), including his last oil painting, "Tu'um," and his "Rotary Glass Plates." Arion berger (express) The Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; Thu., 5-8:30 p.m., \$12 adults, \$10 for ages 62 and over and students, free 18 and under; phillipscollection.org. (Dupont Circle)

301-718-7210.

Zenith Gallery: "Food, Glorious Food -Just Desserts," a melding of food, art and charity; "Inanimate Adventures," Robert C. Jackson explores life's drama using anthropomorphic objects, both through Dec. 3. "Survivors Among Survivors." paintings by Renee du Rocher, through Jan. 4. 4I3 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, zenithgallery.com.

Aesop's Fables: A fast-paced adaptation of several of Aesop's timeless fables, for ages 4 and up, through Nov. 19, \$12-\$15. Classika Theatre, 404I S. 28th St., Arlington; 703-824-6200, classika.org.

Agnes of God: Director Susan Marie Rhea presents a play about faith and the psyche, through Nov. 19, \$20-\$25. The Keegan Theatre, 1742 Church St. NW: 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Atlas Performing Arts Center Opening: Five evenings featuring original plays and music with Sunday open to the general public, through Sun., free (reservations needed). Atlas Performing Arts Center, I333 H St. NE; 202-399-676I, atlasarts.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Bayanihan Phillippine National Dance Company: Colorful dances that display the country's Chinese, Spanish and Islamic influences, Sat. & Sun., \$22-\$44. GMU Center for the Arts, George Mason University, Fairfax; 703-993-8888, gmu.edu/cfa.

The Bluest Eye: Theater Alliance presents a stage adaptation of Toni Morrison's acclaimed novel about a black child who longs for blue eyes, through Nov. 19, \$26. H St. Playhouse, I365 H St. NE; 866-811-4III. theateralliance.com.

The Beaux Stratagem: Two recently impoverished gentlemen scheme to woo two women of status and fortune, through Dec. 31, \$19-\$76. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW: 202-547-II22. ShakespeareTheatre.org.

THURSDAY ONLY Bob Saget: Raunchy stand-up from the master of adult humor. R.I.P. Danny Tanner, Thu., \$28-\$35. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Sts. NW: 202-

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994-6800. lisner.org.

Cirque du Soleil, 'Corteo': Ajoyous procession as imagined by a clown, through Nov. 26, \$40. Grand Chapiteau at City Center, 909 H St. NW: cirquedusoleil.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY College Park:

The Opera: Squonk Opera presents signature live music, vivid imagery and a rock 'n' roll stage show flambovance, all in celebration of the community's idiosyncracies and shared humanity. Thu, & Fri., \$30 (\$7 students), Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland, College Park, 301-405-ARTS, claric esmithcenter.umd.edu.

LAST CHANCE Crestfall: Irish playwright Mark O'Rowe's Joycean tale of the interconnected lives of three women. through Sun., \$29. The Studio Theatre 2nd Stage, I50I I4th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Dorothy Meets Alice: Two of literature's most remarkable characters go head-tohead in a tale set neither in Kansas nor down a rabbit hole, through Dec. 3, \$8.

Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; 30I-320-533I.

Equus: The Washington Shakespeare Company presents the story of a psychiatrist's exploration of the disturbed mind of a violent teenager, through Nov. 26, \$20-\$35. Clark Street Playhouse, 60I S. Clark St., Arlington; 800-494-8479, washingto nshakespeare.org.

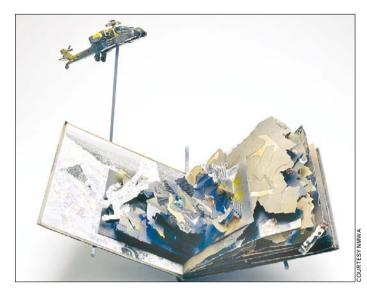
SATURDAYS ONLY Fatal Attrac-

tion: A Greek Tragedy: Actors' Theater presents the story of a torrid affair that becomes an obsession of epic proportions, through Nov. 19, \$16.50. Source Theater, I835 I4th St. NW: 202-319-7227. atwdc.org.

LAST CHANCE The Full Monty: This R-rated musical (based on the film) tells the tale of desperate men who come up with a scandalous solution to their financial problems, through Sun., \$15-\$18, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville; 240-314-8690, r-m-t.org

FRIDAY ONLY Grass: BosmaDance shares a work in progress, a piece for twelve dancers American Dance Institute, 1570 E. Jefferson St., Bockville: americandance.org.

EXHIBITS | JUDGE A BOOK



SCRATCH AND SNIFF, NATCH: With "The Book as Art: Twenty Years of Artists' Books," the National Museum of Women in the Arts pays tribute to tomes whose very forms speak volumes about aesthetics with a selection of odd, sometimes mysterious, often complicated, usually legible reads.

Hanky Spanky: The story of the first Thanksgiving, told via a crazy cocktail of burlesque, vaudeville, trapeze and acrobatics. The performance also features an interactive game called "Spank or Be Spanked," Sun., \$8. Palace of Wonders, 1210 H St. NE; palaceofwonders.com.

The Insect Play: Open Scena Theatre presents Karel Capek's fable in which beetles, butterflies and ants vie with one another to decide whose philosophy of life is dominant, through Nov. 19, \$25-\$32. Warehouse Theater Mainstage, IO2I 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, scenatheatre.org.

An Inspector Calls: A gripping and enigmatic mystery by the renowned playwright J.B. Priestley, through Nov. 26, \$35-\$40. The Washington Stage Guild, 1901 14th St. NW: 240-582-0050. stageguild.org.

LAST CHANCE Jon Spelman's Fran-

kenstein: Storyteller Spelman aims to dispel misrepresentations of the creature known as Frankenstein and relies heavily on Mary Shelley's original text, through Sun., \$25-\$35. Round House Theatre Silver Spring, 864I Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 240-644-IIOO, roundhousetheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Julius Caesar: Handel's operatic version of the classic is a far cry from Will Shakespeare's: more romantic drama, less political intrigue.

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Entertainment Weeken

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Thu.-Sun., \$15-\$20. Catholic University, Ward Recital Hall, 620 Michigan Ave. NE; 202-319-5414, music.cua.edu.

Madama Butterfly: Placido Domingo co-conducts Puccini's classic opera performed by the Washington National Opera, through Nov. 19, \$40-\$300 (special free simulcast on the National Mall Sun., 2 p.m.). Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedycenter.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY La Magia del

Flamenco: Master of Flamenco Dance Antonio Vargas guest stars, Sat. & Sun., \$12-\$15. Joy of Motion Dance Center, 220I Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-276-2599, iovofmotion.org.

Martha, Josie and the Chinese Elivis:

An aging dominatrix receives a surprising birthday visitor, through Dec. 10, \$20-\$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 64LD St. NW: 202-393-3939. woollymammoth.net.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: The Folger Theatre moves Shakespeare's delirious romantic roundelay to the glamorous 1930s, where magic, mischief and screwball banter fit right in, through Nov. 26, \$25-\$36. 20I East Capitol St. SE; 202-675-0342, folger.edu.

LAST CHANCE Molly Daughter: Deborah Fandall's one-woman show explores the history of the Molly McGuires in America, through Sun., \$10, Venus Theatre Play Shack, 2I C St., Laurel, Md.; 202-664-9657, venustheatre.org.

My Fair Lady: 'Enry 'Iggins and Eliza Dolittle engage in a battle of words and wits in this musical classic, the last show at Signature's current site. through Nov. 19, \$37, Signature Theatre. 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-820-9771.

Never the Sinner: Actors Theatre presents the chilling story of a hate crime in which two young men are murdered in the name of love and philosophy, through Nov. 19, \$31.50. Source Theatre, I835 I4th St. NW; atwdc.org, 202-319-7227.

The Nightingale: Opera Theatre of NOVA interprets Hans Christian Andersen's story of a nightingale who saves the life of an emperor, through Nov. 18., \$12. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, I25 S. Old Glebe Rd., Arlington; 703-528-1433, novaopera.org.

LAST CHANCE Nine Parts of Desire:

This off-Broadway hit introduces us to nine contemporary women, each connected to Iraq and the war, through Sun., \$48-\$53. Arena Stage, IIOI 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300, arenastage.org.

LAST CHANCE Orange Flower Water:

Craig Wright's story of an extramarital affair that explores the complexities of the human heart, through Sun., \$10-\$20. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 I8th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Proof: Firebelly Productions presents the Tony Award-and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by David Auburn, through Nov. 19, \$5-\$15. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Dr., Arlington; 703-409-2372, fi rebellyproductions.net.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Richard Jeni:

The stand-up veteran performs following the success of his third HBO special. Fri. & Sat., \$25, Wolf Tran, 1645 Tran Bd., Vienna; 703-938-2404, wolftrap.org.

7th St. & N. Carolina Ave. SE; 202-722-

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Step Afrika:

The latest eclectic step work from the D.C.-based group, Sat. & Sun., \$18-\$20. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

Still Going Solo: Horizons Theatre presents a showcase of four compelling onewoman shows, through Dec. 3, \$15-\$20. Warehouse Theater, IO2I 7th St. NW; 703-391-2929, horizonstheatre.org.

A Streetcar Named Desire: Tennessee Williams' classic metaphor for the deteriorating human condition of modern times, through Nov. 19, \$8, Elstad Annex Black Box Theatre, Gallaudet University,

EXHIBITS | FACES THAT ANY MOTHER COULD LOVE



PERFECT PICTURES: Camille Mosley-Pasley celebrates maternal attachment — and total cuteness — with "Mama Love" at Touchstone Gallery. Her creamy black-and-white photos of mothers from around the world bonding with their wee ones depict radiant joy, deep connection and tiny toes.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Shake-

speare's Skum: Shakespeare's tragedies as one-act comedies, including "Leave it to Hamlet," "Richard III: Just Misunderstood," and "Macbeth in Twenty Minutes or Less." Fri. & Sat., \$20. The Comedy Spot, Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-294-5233, comedyindc.com.

SATURDAY ONLY Sin-O-Rama:

Direct from New York City, burlesque that promises to shock and amaze, Sat., \$12 (\$10 in advance). Palace of Wonders. I2IO H St. NE: 202-398-7469. palaceofwonders.com.

SATURDAYS ONLY Son of a Bush:

Gross National Product's timely sketch show is a two-person, bipartisan political comedy revue, ongoing, \$30; Warehouse Theater, IO2I 7th St. NW: 202-783-3933. warehousetheater.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Sophisti-

cated: Catherine Marie as the beloved soul artist Phyllis Hyman, Fri. & Sat., \$40. Market 5 Art Gallery at Eastern Market.

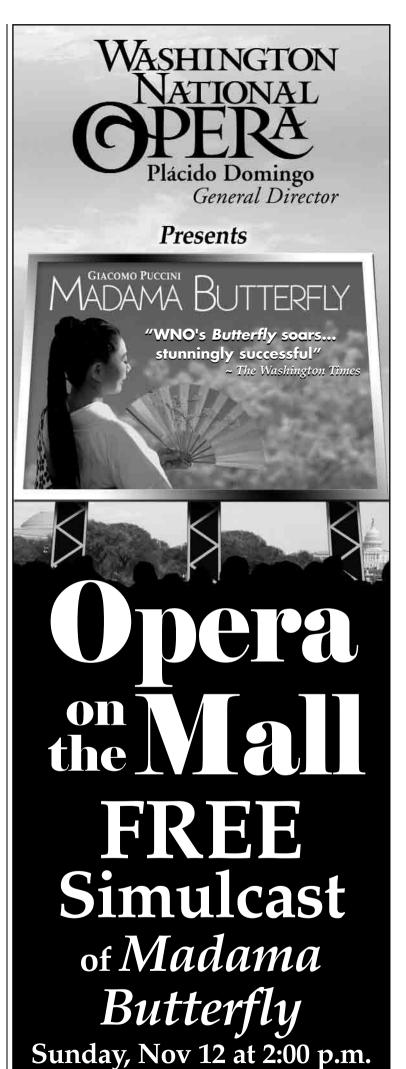
800 Florida Ave. NE; depts.gallaudet.edu/ theatre/.

Throat: Cesar Rodriguez leaves the life of a Marine stationed in Iraq to confront a new reality on the streets of New York, through Nov. 18, \$15-\$20. Mead Theatre Lab, Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 212-352-3101, theatermania.com

Tintypes: Rep Stage presents the 1981 Tony Award winner for Best Musical. which illuminates the way in which immigration changed America at the turn of the century, through Nov. 19, \$16-\$24. Black Box Theatre, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; 410-772-4947, repstage.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Wild Hearts:

Sappho and Isadora: Coreography inspired by and in the style of Isadora Duncan with poetry by Greek poetess Sappho, Fri. & Sat., \$15-\$25. AU's Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theater, 4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-885-2587, american.tix.com.



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